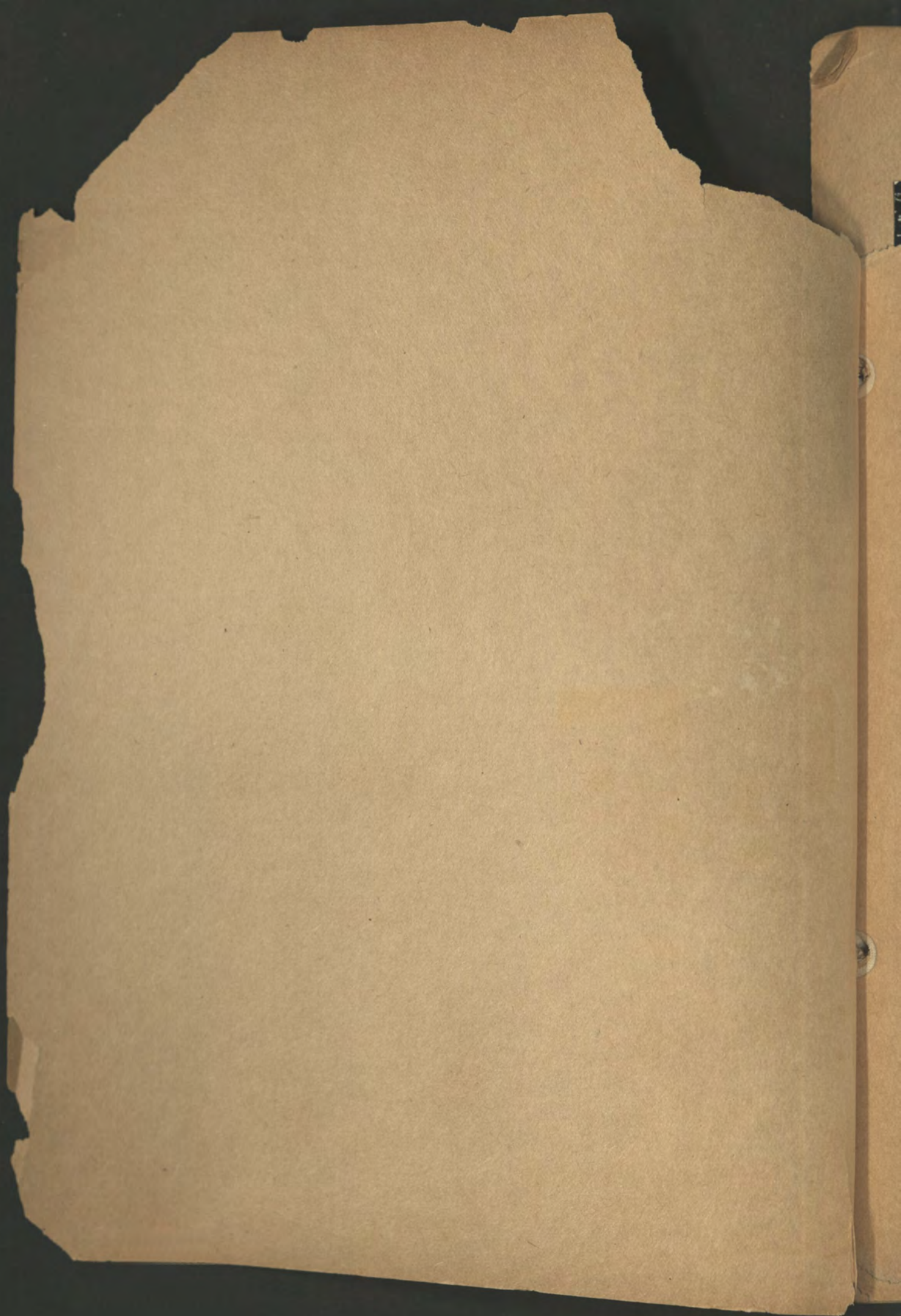


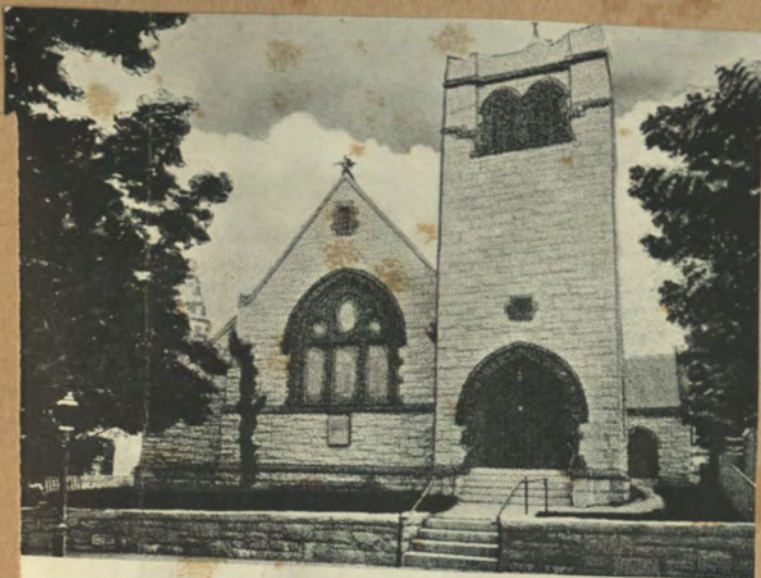
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St. Paul's, the present church, Nantucket

Annual Sale and Tea

Annual Sale and Tea of the Candle Light Guild of St. Paul's Church will be held on the Parish House lawn, (next to the church) Thursday, August 7, from 11 a. m. to 6 p. m. Tea served from 4 to 6. If stormy, sale will be held the next pleasant day.

TEA and OPEN HOUSE

at the home of
Mrs. Norbert Lachmann

(Mary Starbuck House)

8 Pleasant Street

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Benefit St Paul's Church

3—5:30 Admission 50c

ANNUAL SALE

for the benefit of

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

In Miss Carlisle's Garden, 75 Main Street

10 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Tea served 3 to 5 p. m.

If rainy, will be held first clear day

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Confirmation.

The Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, D. D., Bishop of Massachusetts, made a visit to St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Nantucket, last Tuesday. At a 7:30 p. m. service he preached and administered the Rite of Confirmation to the following: Anne Grimes, Nancy Thurber, Molly Backus, Beatrice Ceelcy, Eleanor Bromley, Stanley Arges, Mrs. Robert Leland, Miss Ruth Jones, Mrs. Allan Backus, Mrs. John Kittila, Jr., Mrs. George Francis, Mrs. Roy E. Sanguinetti, Oscar Michetti, Harry Gordon, Dr. Ernest Menges, Edward Whelden, Jr., and Paul Frye.

A reception for the Bishop and the Confirmation candidates was held at the rectory after the service.

The Bishop left the island the following morning.

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Annual Church Meeting.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church Council was held Monday evening, following a supper at Bennett Hall.

The officers for the year were elected as follows: Senior Warden, Herbert Wood; Junior Warden, William Waine; Clerk, Doris Kenyon; Treasurer, Nancy S. Adams; Vestry, Allen Wood, Harry Smith, Everett U. Crosby, Harry Gordon, Harrison C. Gorman, B. F. W. Russell, Charles Whelden, Adelbert Baker, William O. Stevens.

The mortgage on the parish house was paid.

The Ratio at Nantucket.

In the Observant Citizen's Column in the Boston Post of Friday, November 20th, we noted the following:

Comes the following letter from Clinton T. Macy, Parish Clerk of St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Nantucket Island:

"In the Post of the 10th, I came across an item stating that All Saints Episcopal Church in Springfield feels it has established a record for church groups for having 38 persons out of 200 families in the armed services.

"I do not want to belittle our brethren in Springfield, but the record cannot stand.

"St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Nantucket, according to the official figures of the Diocese, has only 152 families in the parish. Of this number, 53 persons are in service at the present time. Hence the ratio at Springfield is one person out of every five families, but at Nantucket it is one out of every three.

"Three of the church officers have gone into service since September. Sergeant Andrew Swain, somewhere 'over there,' has received a D. S. C. for gallantry in action. Lieutenant Harrison A. Gorman of the air corps has been missing since February when the Langley was sunk in the Java Sea.

"We will be anxious to know if any other church can top our ratio."

Their Wooden Wedding.

Next Friday (February 5) will be the fifth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. Daniel Bennett, a fact that will probably be of interest to the community and especially to the members of the parish of St. Paul's Episcopal church.

A whole cord

Rev. Daniel A. Bennett, rector of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket for several years, and Mrs. Bennett, are leaving the island on Wednesday next for Malden, where Mr. Bennett will assume the rectorship of St. Paul's in Malden.

St. Paul's Church Service Guild
Christmas Sale and Tea, Thursday,
December 16.

Accepted The Call.

The Rev. Richard Strong, of West Hartford, Conn., who filled the pulpit in the Episcopal church at Nantucket last Sunday, has accepted a call to become rector of the local parish and will assume the pastorate early in February.

Organ Recital.

James Allen Wood, enrolled in the Longy School of Music at Cambridge, is home for the holidays, and will give a half hour organ recital for his friends, and all others interested, at St. Paul's Church, Fair street, from 10 to 10:30 on Sunday morning, January 2.

Mr. Wood's program will include the following compositions by Johann Sebastian Bach: Prelude and Fugue in B Major, "Sheep May Safely Graze," "Have Mercy Upon Me, Lord Jesus Christ," and Toccata in D Minor. Other numbers will be Alexander Guilmant's "The Shepherd's Song," and a Scherzo on "In Dulce Jubilo," by T. F. H. Candlyn. Everyone is cordially invited to this half hour of music.

While at the Longy School, Mr. Wood's organ study is being directed by E. Power Biggs, well known radio organist and soloist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra.

Bishop Littell to Speak.

Arrangements have been completed to bring to Nantucket a speaker of unusual experience and ability. Bishop Littell, recently retired head of the Anglican Diocese of Honolulu, will preach at a special service at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 24, at 8:00 p. m.

Bishop Littell became Bishop of Honolulu in 1930 after more than 30 years of service in the China mission field, in which he held important posts in addition to active charge of eleven stations in North and Northeastern Hankow.

In Honolulu his administration was marked by continuous growth and progress. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he rendered valuable service to the armed services there. Now, he is enthusiastically telling of the opportunities for expansion of mission work in the South Seas following the war.

Funeral Services.

On Thursday afternoon, friends and schoolmates of the late Mo. M. M. 2/c Ralph William DeGraw filled St. Paul's Church to capacity in a final and impressive tribute to his memory. Services were conducted by the Rev. William E. Gardner before the flower-massed altar, at which Billy received his Baptism, his Confirmation, and at which he served faithfully many years as a Crucifer.

The body was escorted from the home to the Church by a contingent of the Byron L. Sylvaro Post of the American Legion, an honorary naval guard, a complement of the Coast Guard, and members of his Class of 1943 of the High School.

Honorary pallbearers were schoolmates and life-long friends and included: Lester Ayers, Elliot Barnard, Arthur Egan, John J. Gardner, 3rd, George Haddon and Anthony Lema.

During the funeral services, Billy's favorite hymn, "Onward Christian Soldiers," was sung by the choir in which Billy had been a member as a boy. It seemed like a challenge to us who remained to fight on bravely, that the noble sacrifice of his young life and the lives of countless others shall not be in vain for the noble cause in which we are now engaged.

Burial was in the family plot of the Prospect Hill Cemetery with full naval honors. Pall bearers were members of the U. S. Navy. Special escort from Florida was Hugh Sweeney, who had been with Billy from the time he entered training and held the same rank in the Navy. The local escort was Franklin Bartlett.

—C. T. M.

1944

New Rector at St. Paul's.

Rev. Richard A. Strong, the new rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, has this week taken up his new duties in Nantucket. With Mrs. Strong, he will occupy the Episcopal rectory on Pine street.

The Rev. Mr. Strong comes from a New England family which for many generations lived in Morrisville, Vt. He was born at Central Point, Oregon, in 1914, but when a mere lad re-



THE REV. RICHARD A. STRONG.

turned to New England and lived in Westford, Mass. He attended the Howe High School at Billerica, Mass., and also Monson Academy.

He later studied at Tufts College and then transferred to Trinity College in Hartford, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1934. The degree of Bachelor of Theology was given him by the General Theological Seminary, New York city, in 1941. He was immediately appointed Vicar at St. Andrew's Church, Hartford, and advanced to Priest-in-Charge, January, 1943.

United Lenten Services.

The five Protestant churches of Nantucket are uniting in a program of services during Lent, as follows:

- February 27—Family Sunday.
- March 5—Men's Sunday.
- March 12—Women's Sunday.
- March 19—Young People's Sunday.
- March 26—Guest Sunday.
- April 2—Palm Sunday.
- April 9—Easter Sunday.

Wednesday evening services are to be held as follows:

- March 1—Methodist church, Dr. George S. Sutton.
- March 8—Unitarian church, Rev. Laurence M. Farr.
- March 15—Congregational church, Rev. Willard L. McKinstry.
- March 22—Baptist church, Rev. Richard A. Strong.
- March 29—Episcopal church, Rev. H. Osgood Bennett.

Easter Sale and Tea, given by St. Paul's Church Service Guild at the home of Mrs. Hans E. Moller, 7 Pleasant St., Thursday, March 30th, 11 to 5. Tea at 3. mar18-2t

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Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Strong announce the birth of a daughter, Alice Elaine, on Saturday, July 28.

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THE LEAFLET

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

Nantucket, Mass.

Rector's Study, 12 Pine Street
Office Hours 10-12 daily, except Mondays

THE STAFF

The Rev. Richard A. Strong, Rector
The Rev. Chauncey H. Blodgett, Rector Emeritus
Miss Ellen L. Ramsdell, Choirmistress
Mrs. Wesley Fordyce, Organist
Mr. Kenneth Wilson, Sexton, Tel. 737

THE VESTRY

Herbert C. Wood Wardens	William Waine
Adelbert R. Baker	Everett U. Crosby
Paul M. Frye	Harry Gordon
Harrison C. Gorman	Harry E. Smith
William C. Stevens	Charles G. Whelden
Allan D. Wood	

Nancy S. Adams, Treasurer
Doris E. Kenyon, Parish Clerk

ANNUAL SALE

of Candle Light Guild, St. Paul's Church

Thursday, August 10

11 a. m. to 5 p. m. in the

Minshall Garden, 97 Main St.

TEA SERVED FROM 3 TO 5

If it rains, sale will be held next pleasant day.

Far out at sea. That's where St. Paul's, Nantucket, is. Have you ever been there? Well, the island may be at sea, but St. Paul's is not, under the able direction of its new rector, the Rev. Richard A. Strong. Even the hurricane did the church property no damage — and that's saying something.

St. Paul's is planning a new parish house — and taking their time to do it right, too. A Parish Council has just been formed of representatives of each parish organization with some members of the congregation appointed by the rector. Another thing — over 3000 pamphlets and booklets have been sold this past summer through the Vestibule Tract Rack — by the way, that's not an easy thing to say — vestibule tract rack. Just try to say it quickly.

Christmas Sale and Tea given by
St. Paul's Church Service Guild at the
home of Mrs. C. H. Baldwin, 9 Quince
street, Thursday, December 14-11
p. m. to 5 p. m.

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will be held on this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish House. It has been impossible to include a supper in this year's plans, but this fact need not prevent our having an interesting and worthwhile meeting. It is unfortunate that the people of a parish have but one time of considering the business affairs of the Church, but since this is so, let's make the most of it.

Jan. 9, 1945

RECTORS LETTER

I wish that everyone interested in St. Paul's could have been at the Annual Meeting. None of those present could doubt the excellent condition of the Parish, as figures elsewhere in this issue indicate. Despite many difficulties, we have enjoyed a notable year, and my personal thanks go to all who have helped.

The reports of the Rector, Wardens, Treasurer, and all the organizations showed the excellent condition of the Parish. We are in better condition financially than at any time in our history. Receipts for 1944 totaled \$11,577.78, and expenses totaled \$8421.34, leaving a balance at the start of this current year of \$3156.44. Free of all indebtedness, this does indeed make a period of real growth possible. Looking to the future, we already have \$1034.71 in the Parish House Building Fund.

St. Paul's Church Nantucket Island, Mass.
1944-45

THERE IS A PLACE FOR YOU IN OUR
PARISH FAMILY ORGANIZATIONS

VESTRY: Represents the Parish as a legal corporation and is responsible for the material welfare of the Parish. Has specified duties and responsibilities defined in Church law. Members elected at the Annual Meeting of the Parish. Meets first Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Rectory

CHURCH SCHOOL: Classes for all ages and grades in essentials of Christian living. Service at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday, classes from 10-10:30 Christmas Pageant, parties and other special activities throughout year. Mr. J. Barrett, Supt.

PARISH COUNCIL: Representatives of all Parish organizations and the Congregation meeting from time to time with the Rector in an informal discussion of Parish program. Seeks to unify and co-ordinate the programs of various groups and provide wholesome activities for all ages and groups. Considers problems facing the Parish as a whole and plans united action for solving them Meets as announced.

CHURCH SERVICE LEAGUE: Membership composed of all women of the Parish. Does sewing and other acts of service throughout the year. Meets on Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Allan Wood, pres.

CANDLELIGHT GUILD: Organized in 1905, this group has built a tradition of service and fellowship. Activities include sales, parties, and aid to the Rector, such as calls upon the sick. Meets Tuesdays at 7:30, Mrs. Byron Mooney, Pres.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY: Comparatively new, this club for teen-age girls carries on a program of study, recreation, service and worship. Mrs. Strong and Mrs. Kenyon are Associates and act as Advisors. Jean Lowell, Chairman.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

PROPOSED BUDGET 1945

Estimated Expenses

Salaries	\$	3295.00
Choir Music		25.00
Church School		100.00
Repairs		100.00
Laundry		36.00
Heat and Light		1200.00
Printing, advertising		100.00
Postage		30.00
Pension Premium		218.76
Convention Assessment		80.00
Delegates' Expenses		75.00
Insurance		200.00
General Church Program		700.00
Misc. Supplies		100.00
Water		22.00
Bond Premium		5.00

Total \$ 6286.76

Estimated Income

Plate Collections	\$	2257.25
Summer drive		1400.00
PLEDGES (Parish, to be raised)		2054.51
PLEDGES (Missions, to be raised)		400.00

Over \$3.000

Total \$ 6286.76

Of the greatest promise for coming year is the final report of the Every Member Canvass. We now have a total of 111 sets of envelopes being used, compared to 98 for last year, and a total of \$3519. pledged as against \$3039 for last year. This, however, does not indicate the full gain, for a large number of pledges were lost by death and removal.

The Easter Sale and Tea of the Church Service Guild will be held at Mrs. Craig's 97 Main St., Thursday, March 22, 11 to 5. Tea from 3 to 5.

Soverino—Powell.

On Saturday, April 7, at 7:30 p. m., in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Miss Martha L. Powell of Louisville, Kentucky, became the bride of Corporal Irving A. Soverino, Jr., U. S. Army Air Forces.

The double ring ceremony was performed by Rev. Richard A. Strong, rector of the church. Mrs. Grace Swain Oliveira was Matron-of-Honor, and Malcolm Francis Soverino, brother of the groom, acted as best man. The bride was given in marriage by Irving A. Soverino, Sr. 1st Sgt. Henry B. Coleman was usher.

ANNUAL TEA AND SALE

of Candle Light Guild, St. Paul's Church

Thursday, August 9

from 10 to 5 on the Church Lawn

TEA SERVED FROM 3 to 5

If it rains, sale will be held next pleasant day.

Christmas Sale and Tea

By The Church Service Guild

of St. Paul's Church

AT MRS. C. H. BALDWIN'S—9 QUINCE ST.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

From 11 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Tea Served from 3 to 5 p. m.

Death of Bishop Touret.

The Rt. Rev. Frank Hale Touret, retired Bishop of the Episcopal church, passed away Thursday evening at the Nantucket Hospital, following a sudden heart attack that morning. Bishop Touret had been a summer resident of Nantucket for many years and at the time of his death maintained his legal residence here, although spending the winter months in Tryon, N. C.

He was a native of Salem, Mass., where he was born March 25, 1875, the son of, Benjamin Augustus and Lucy Hatch (Marks) Touret. He graduated from Harvard College, receiving the A. B. degree in 1897 and the A. M. degree in 1901. He then entered the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge and in 1903 received the B. D. degree therefrom. He was awarded the D. D. degree by Whitman College at Walla Walla, Wash., in 1921.

On the 19th of May, 1906, he married Miss Irene Chittenden Farquhar, of Detroit and Siasconset, who survives him. They have one son, William Chapin Touret, now serving in the armed forces.

The deceased became deacon and priest of the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1903; was curate of St. John's at Providence, in 1903-4; and from 1904 to 1906 was at Christ Church in Detroit.

In 1907-8 he served as treasurer of Colorado College at Colorado Springs, and then became rector of St. Luke's at Fort Collins, Col., and then went to Grace Church at Colorado Springs.

He was elected Bishop of the Missionary District of Western Colorado on the 25th of October, 1916, and was consecrated February 2, 1917. He was elected Bishop of Idaho on the 10th of October, 1919, and held that position until he resigned in October, 1924, coming to Nantucket to make his home.

Aug. 1945

Christmas Time On Nantucket

By a Parishioner

BY the first of December our summer visitors, even the most belated ones, have sailed outward bound 'round Brant Point and crossed the thirty miles of water that separate Nantucket from the mainland. Then the town withdraws into itself. Life has become quieter, more peaceful and more intimate. There are fewer people on Main Street, but their faces are familiar. There are many vacant seats in all our churches, but we who remain sit closer and our smaller church family becomes more united.

As Christmas draws near, St. Paul's Church becomes more radiant with evergreens and candles, as adults and children working together transform nave and chancel with holiday decorations. The fragrant greens form a fitting background for our beautiful crèche, so beloved by the children who gather around it and with rapt faces listen to the retelling of the Christmas story.

To the Church School Christmas Service, the red robes of the junior choir add a festive note. This choir will also share in a Community Children's Christmas Service, to be held this year for the first time. All the combined junior choirs of the various churches will take part. This service will also be held in St. Paul's.

Of course the Atlantic Ocean is no bar to Santa Claus and his reindeer, and he is a welcome visitor at the Church School Christmas Party with his pack of gifts, just as on the mainland.

Our junior choir does its share of community service by singing carols for the shut-ins of the Parish, and at both our Island Home and the Old People's Home, thus learning that there must be giving as well as receiving in a happy Christmas.

To many the culmination of our parish celebration is the Christmas Eve Midnight Eucharist. From all

sections of the quaint old town, through narrow lanes and streets lined with the charming old houses which make Nantucket "Ninety-Five Per Cent Perfect," across the cobble-stoned square and "up Fair Street," the worshippers gather late on Christmas Eve. The church is so filled that it seems like summertime had returned, as this service is an "Island tradition." Many of our friends from the other churches attend.

As the sweet-toned bell from the near-by town clock tower sounds the midnight hour the service moves on to its joyful and triumphant close. And this is how Christmas comes to St. Paul's, Nantucket.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church Annual Meeting.

A large gathering was present at the annual meeting of St. Paul's Church held in Bennett hall on Tuesday, January 8, at 7:30 p. m. Supper was served before the meeting to about 100 members of the Parish by the Candlelight Guild, and dancing was enjoyed by young and old until late in the evening.

Reports presented included a summary of the year by the Senior Warden, Herbert Wood. William Waine reported on the condition of the property; Mrs. Marshall Barrett gave an account of the work of the Church Service League; Mrs. Allan Wood reported for the Candlelight Guild, showing receipts of \$818.70 for the year. Miss Edith Wood, as Treasurer of the Church School, gave a report, showing improvement over last year in our work with children.

The main action taken by the meeting was a revision of the Parish By-Laws, raising the number of Vestrymen to nine and providing three-year terms of office. This was proposed to the meeting as a means of allowing more men to serve shorter periods, allowing the election of returned servicemen as well as of others in the congregation. A year must elapse after the expiration of each term.

After unanimous adoption by the meeting elections were held under the newly ammended By-Law, and in ornewly amended By-Law, and in order to initiate the new procedure, terms were specified as of from one to three years. Herbert C. Wood and William Waine were elected Wardens, Mrs. Albert Kenyon, Parish Clerk, and Mrs. Eda C. Barrett was named Treasurer. Elected to the Vestry for three years were: George Jones, Henry Coleman, and Roy Sanguinetti; for two years, Allan D. Wood, Everett U. Crosby, and Paul Frye; for one year, George Smith, Harrison Gorman, and Harry Smith. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention were Herbert Wood, Mrs. Marshall Barrett, and Mrs. Maude Mooney with the Alternates being Mrs. George Jones, Miss Marie Platt, and Mrs. Nicholas Norton.

After a report by the Vestry, given by Paul Frye and William Waine, a discussion of the proposed parish house was held and much comment from members of the Parish elicited. Considerable thought had been given to providing more adequate quarters than the present building beside the Church on Fair street, and the Vestry asked suggestions from organizations and others who would use the new building what they needed in the way of facilities. At the conclusion of the discussion the meeting authorized the Vestry to go ahead with plans and report back when they were ready.

With a word of welcome to the returned servicemen present, who had been invited as special guests to the Parish supper, and with votes of thanks to the North Church for the use of Bennett Hall and to the Candlelight Guild for the excellent supper, the meeting was adjourned.

Mrs. Frank Hale Touret.

Irene Farquhar Touret takes us back to the early eighties in 'Sconset, when there was no house beyond the Chittenden house as we followed the path along the brink of the cliff to Sankaty Light.

The Chittendens came from Detroit. Their hospitable house on the Bluff became the center of a growing summer group. A sister of Mrs. Chittenden had married Francis Farquhar, an army officer, and their daughter, Irene, then in her teens, was the most self-forgetful, boyish, brave and lovable of the group.

What she promised in her girlhood she became in her womanhood. As a teacher she was keenly appreciative of the responsibilities and possibilities in education. Frank Hale Touret, a young clergyman from Salem, Massachusetts, was captured by her valiant personality; he wooed and wed her and took her to Colorado City, where their parish and home became a Mecca for Easterners and many of the adventurous spirits leading in the business development of the West.

Then Frank was called to the very difficult task of missionary Bishop of Idaho, and Irene became the center of a home in Boise, where hospitality and interest in good works were the daily motives followed and enjoyed.

The years passed and sickness took both Frank and Irene out of active work. At first she, in health, was able to minister to him. Then came a change and he, with the aid of others, tenderly cared for her. Tryon, North Carolina, was their winter residence, but Nantucket was their home. Early last summer they came, as usual, and took up the happy routine of their summer life on the Island. On the morning of August 2 the call came to Frank, with little warning, and by nightfall he had entered "the Higher Service".

Irene elected to stay on the Island, and a few weeks later joined him in "eternal victory".

Both in health and in sickness they were a constant inspiration to a far-flung circle of friends, and their influence will never end.

W. E. G.

Jan. 1946

Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Parish on Tuesday Evening.

The members of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket held their annual business meeting in the Vestry of the Unitarian Church on Tuesday evening of this week. The meeting was preceded by a supper of cold ham, scalloped potatoes, cole slaw, rolls, cake and coffee, served by a group of ladies of the Candle Light Guild, under the direction of Mrs. Harriet Lowell.

Reports of the past year's activities and financial standing of the various groups within the Church were read and approved. The clerk of the parish, George L. Smith, was re-elected to that position, as were the treasurer, Mrs. Eda C. Barrett, the senior warden, Henry B. Coleman, and the junior warden, William E. Waine.

To replace the three members of the Vestry whose terms expire this year, Cyril C. Ross, Stanley T. Whelden, and Albert Moody Tucker were elected for a three-year period. Delegates to the Diocesan Convention were elected. These were Mrs. Eda C. Barrett, Mrs. Maud Macy and Herbert C. Wood, with Miss Marie S. Platt, Mrs. Alice Albertson Shurrecks and George L. Smith as alternates.

Following the election of officers, a vote of appreciation was given to the supper committee, and also to the Unitarian Church for their generosity in allowing St. Paul's the use of the vestry for the meeting.

Jan. 1948

The Easter Sale and Tea given by the Church Service Guild of St. Paul's Church, will be held at the Parish House, 69 Main street, on Thursday, March 18th, from 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. Tea will be served from 3 to 5 p. m. The House may be inspected during the hours of the sale.

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Bishop Nash Conducted Service of Confirmation at St. Paul's.

On Thursday evening, a class of six adults and twenty-three children were confirmed at St. Paul's Church in Nantucket by Bishop Norman B. Nash, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

The class included Dr. and Mrs. O. D. Wescott, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Hamilton, Mrs. Howard U. Chase and John Holmes in the adult group. The children being confirmed were the Misses Lee Sanguinetti, Rosalie Elise Pitkin, Nancy A. Ellis, Barbara Ann Blount, Barbara Ann Coffin, Priscilla Ann Cahoon, Patricia Ann Richard, Jean F. Barrett, Mary B. Glidden, and Wanda L. Glidden, Ray B. Eger, Charles S. Glidden, David B. Walker, John C. Healy, Earl C. Blount, Jr., Walter Knott, Paul A. Bennett, Ronald E. Coffin, Frederick C. Tilton, Paul A. Barrett, William R. Giles, Bradford Giles, and Albert Olcott.

The service, which was open to the public, was well attended, practically every seat in the Church being filled. A reception for Bishop Nash and the confirmation class was held following the service at the Parish House on Main street.

May 8, 1948

Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church met Wednesday afternoon at the Parish House for the monthly business session.

The February dance was a success financially and socially. This month the social evening will be a quahaug pie supper at the Parish House in charge of Mrs. Allen Backus. Date will be announced later. Sewing and knitting for the diocesan work progresses slowly, and many members have taken the work home, trying to finish by April.

March 4, 1950

2 Million Hear Bishop's Radio Plea for World Relief



BISHOP HENRY KNOX SHERRILL looks at recordings of his speech in a New York radio studio after broadcasting an appeal for World Relief Fund.

(AP Wirephoto)

Bishop Sherrill Will Be Heard in All Episcopal Churches.

On Sunday, February 29, substantially every member of the Episcopal Church will hear the voice of their Presiding Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry Knox Sherrill, by means of a new and extraordinary use of radio. In Nantucket the congregation of St. Paul's Church will sit in their pews and at exactly 11:32½ a. m. the Presiding Bishop's voice will be heard, telling of the needs of war-devastated countries in Europe and Asia, and urging Episcopal Church members everywhere to accept their plain duty and privilege of helping these suffering millions. The same scene and the same message will be repeated in thousands of Episcopal churches all over the country, at exactly the same time.

The Episcopal Church gave more than a million dollars in 1947 through its Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, and it intends to raise the same amount or more in 1948. The entirely new use of radio opens what is expected to be a very brief and highly successful campaign.

At the Sunday service, February 29, when Bishop Sherrill's ten-minute address ends, the rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. Richard A. Strong, will tell his people how they may have a part in this program of aid for the distressed, through the Presiding Bishop's Fund. Then the opportunity will be given for both immediate gifts and short-time pledges. At national Church headquarters in New York City it was stated recently that "Our 1,600,000 people can raise \$1,000,000 for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief in one day if each parish and mission will do its share".

The radio address is "live", that is, it is given by Bishop Sherrill in New York at the time it is heard, with the exception of some remote places where radio hook-up is impossible. In such instances, electrical transcriptions and phonograph records will be used.

As Episcopal Church people are being told of the forthcoming event, and parish organizations are busily engaged in getting promises of attendance, it is expected that congregations will be extremely large, so that most members of the Church will hear the message. Certainly well over a million people, seated in Episcopal churches, will hear Bishop Sherrill tell of what he has seen personally in Europe, and what is the Church's task at this critical period in the world's history.

This is the first time radio has been used by any Church in such a way, to convey a message to its whole constituency at one time.

Annual Meeting of St. Paul's Church on Tuesday Evening.

The annual meeting of St. Paul's Church was held on Tuesday evening at the Parish House, preceded by a supper for the members prepared by a committee of ladies from the Women's Auxiliary.

The Rev. Bradford Johnson, rector of the church, opened the business meeting with a prayer, following which the reports for the year 1949 were presented. Cyril C. Ross, appointed clerk pro tem, read the report of the clerk George L. Smith, who was off island. Mr. Johnson presented the Treasurer's report for Mrs. Kenyon, in connection with the budget for the coming year, and then Mrs. Kenyon read her report of the special accounts. Senior Warden Henry B. Coleman gave a report on the general condition of the church during the past year and Howard U. Chase reported for the Sunday School. Mrs. Hiram Macy read her report for the Altar Guild and that of Mrs. Edna Wood, the treasurer, and also gave the financial report for the Candlelight Guild, for which Mrs. Allan Wood read the general report. The Women's Auxiliary general report was presented by Mrs. Albert J. Pitkin and the financial report by Mrs. George W. Jones. Mr. Jones gave a brief report for the Men's Club, following which a most interesting summary of the work during the past year of the Advisory Council was given by Mrs. Charles L. Amey.

Miss Bertha L. Eckert reported on the Diocesan Convention, held in Boston last April, in a manner which made all her listeners wish they too had been delegates at the meetings which she and Herbert C. Wood attended. The rector's report was presented by Mr. Johnson, following which he called upon Miss Ellen Ramsdell, in the absence of Mr. Dell, to read the report of the Nominating Committee.

The Committee, composed of Mr. Dell, retiring member of the Vestry, Miss Ramsdell, of the Candle Light Guild, Miss Eckert, of the Women's Auxiliary, and Mrs. Macy of the Altar Guild, submitted the following names for the officers of the church for 1950: Senior Warden, Henry B.

Coleman; Junior Warden, William Waine; Clerk, George L. Smith; Vestry (for three years), George W. Jones, Roy E. Sanguinetti, and William Robert Waine; Treasurer, Mrs. Doris Kenyon; Delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Mrs. George W. Jones, Miss Ellen Ramsdell, and Herbert C. Wood. Upon motion duly made and seconded the Senior Warden was instructed to cast one ballot for the election of the officers as presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Jan. 14, 1950

Women's Society of St. Paul's.

On Wednesday afternoon a group of about thirty ladies from St. Paul's Church met with the Rev. Richard A. Strong at the Parish House on Main street. The group, which is still in the process of organization, will be known as the "Women's Society of St. Paul's" and will carry on phases of church work not included in other parish organizations.

Mrs. Burnham N. Dell was appointed chairman of a nominating committee and will present her report at the next meeting which will be held at 2:30 o'clock on Wednesday, March 31st.

March 20, 1948

Women's Society of St. Paul's.

The second meeting of the Women's Society of St. Paul's was held on Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. O. D. Wescott was elected chairman of the organization, Mrs. Edmund Frye, secretary, and Mrs. Harry Gordon, Jr., treasurer.

Plans were discussed for future meetings, as well as various ways to raise money to help equip the new Parish House.

The next meeting will be held at 3:30 p. m., on Wednesday, April 14. It is hoped that all ladies of the parish, who might be interested in joining the new organization, will be present.

Apr. 3, 1948

House Opening and Silver Tea

at 78 Main Street

THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 3 to 5 p. m.

This fine old house, built by the Coffin family in 1830, was the first of all the brick houses on Main Street. It was bought from the original owners by Phebe Beadle, a graduate and teacher at Vassar College, and at her death was left to the College from which it was purchased by the present owner.

It will be open to the public and a Silver Tea given on Thursday, June 24, from 3 to 5 p. m., for the benefit of the Scholarship Fund of the Women's Society of St. Paul's Church. This Fund is non-sectarian and will be used to further the education of some deserving Island young person. Mrs. Charles Kimball is chairman of the committee in charge.

June 19, 1948

St. Paul's Annual Meeting and Supper.

The annual business meeting of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket was held on Tuesday evening at the Parish house at 69 Main street.

The supper preceding the meeting was prepared by a committee headed by Mrs. George Folger, chairman of the house committee, and was attended by nearly one hundred and fifty people. The supper, consisting of chicken a la king, sweet potatoes, peas, Toll House salad, rolls, ice cream and coffee, was considered one of the best ever served at a parish meeting, and the committee was given a vote of thanks for their work.

The reports of the various groups in the Church—Candle Light Guild, Altar Guild, Women's Society, Senior Warden, Church Service League, the delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Sunday School and Men's Club—followed the reading of the annual reports of the parish clerk and treasurer. Rev. Mr. Strong presented an interesting summary of his work in the Parish during the past year.

The officers for the coming year were elected as follows: parish clerk, George L. Smith; senior warden, Henry B. Coleman; junior warden, William Waine; treasurer, O. D. Wescott; members of the vestry for three years, John H. Kittila, Howard U. Chase, and Irving A. Soverino, Jr.; delegates to the Diocesan Convention, Miss Bertha Eckert, Miss Ellen L. Ramsdell and Henry B. Coleman.

Jan. 15, 1949

Farewell Reception Given To Rector

A farewell reception for the Rev. and Mrs. Richard A. Strong was attended by 100 persons at St. Paul's Parish House Friday night.

Mr. Strong, who has been rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church for the past five years, was presented a purse by Henry B. Coleman, senior warden of the church, on behalf of church members. A bond was given to Miss Alice Strong, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Strong by Mr. Coleman. Members of the School Committee and the clergy from other churches attended the reception.

Committees from the Candle Light Guild, Church Service League and the Women's Society of St. Paul's served refreshments during the reception.

Mr. Strong and his family left yesterday for his new parish in Natick, Mass. where his first service will be March 2 and will return to Nantucket this Summer on their vacation.

Feb. 25, 1949

Rev. Bradford Johnson Will Be New Pastor at St. Paul's.

Rev. Bradford Johnson, rector of St. Paul's Church in Brunswick, Maine, has accepted a call to St. Paul's Church in Nantucket. Rev. Johnson and his family will arrive on the island before long and he will begin his ministry in Nantucket on Sunday, May 15.

Apr. 16, 1949

In Nantucket, October 27, a son, Phillips Bradford, to Rev. and Mrs. Bradford Johnson. Sharing grandparent honors are Mr. and Mrs. George FitzGerald of Winthrop and Mrs. Edward D. Johnson of Annapolis, Maryland.

Oct. 29, 1949

"Telephone Card Party" a Success.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Paul's sponsored a "Telephone" Card Party on Wednesday, Nov. 16. As it was an initial sanction of this particular type on Nantucket, the chairman, Mrs. O. D. Wescott, would like to publicize the fact that it was very successful both financially and from the standpoint of entertainment.

As no one registered for Pinochle or cribbage, the prizes for those games were awarded for the high score in Whist and for a second high score in Canasta. Mrs. J. H. Burtenshaw received high score in Canasta and has her choice of a slip or negligee offered at Maud Haddon's Dress Shop.

Mrs. Lewis S. Ray received the second high score in Canasta and received the Ronson silver table lighter donated by Congdon's Pharmacy. Mrs. L. H. Davenport received the electric clock from the Marine Appliance Co., for high score in Contract Bridge. Mrs. Van Horne, matron of the Old People's Home, was high score in Whist and is to receive a year's subscription to the Reader's Digest which was given by Ralph Lindsay.

Mrs. Albert Pitman had the high score in Five Hundred and has received a fountain pen donated by Coffin's Gift Shop.

The prizes for all the low scores in these games were little gilt walnut-shaped sewing kits donated by the Village Shop in Wauwinet. The following received these: Mrs. Chas. Pancoast, Mrs. Rowland Kenyon, Mrs. S. Leo Thurston, Mrs. May Swain and Mrs. Charlotte Barrett.

St. Paul's Parish Canvass.

St. Paul's (Episcopal) Church of Nantucket started the annual "Every Member" canvass on Sunday. The men of the church who were to do this work met for a corporate communion at the regular 10:45 service and afterward went to the Parish House on Main street, where a committee of ladies of the church, under the leadership of Mrs. George A. Folger, served a luncheon.

The Rev. Bradford Johnson, rector of the Church, instructed them in the duties of this canvass, gave them their lists of members to call upon, and they all started in at once, hoping to cover the parish in one afternoon.

Participating were Harrison Gorman, George W. Jones, Paul Frye, Mr. Minott, Seddon Legg, Sr., Burnham N. Dell, William Waine, Stanley Whelden, Henry W. Brown, Seddon Leg, Jr., Robert Waine, Col. Stacy Knopf, Joseph King, Cyril Ross, Stewart Mooney, Howard U. Chase, John W. Grout.

The object of this every member canvass by laymen is to be sure every one in the parish is reached at the same time, for their pledges of support to the church for the coming year. The special objects and estimated expenses are available for information to all of the status and aims of the parish. It also serves to verify addresses, keep in touch with those who have moved away or married and add a friendly gesture of interest in those whose attendance is regular. It has become an annual event for St. Paul's Church in Nantucket to begin Advent.

The Ladies Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church held a dancing party at the Legion Hall on Saturday evening last which was well attended. The prize waltz was won by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ellis.

Will Hold Tea at Parish House for French Club Benefit.

The members of "Le Cercle Francais" of Nantucket High School, together with the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, are sponsoring a Silver Tea and Musicales on Wednesday afternoon, January 25, from 3 to 5, at the Parish House, 69 Main street. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The proceeds derived from this will help defray the expenses of a proposed trip to Boston by the members of the French Club—Nancy Brown, Warren Chase, Jacqueline Gaspie, Wanda Glidden, Maurice Gibbs, Janet Ingalls, Richard Lewis, Jane McMillan, Janice Paradis, Dorothy Reis, Margaret Rezendes, Eugene Richard, Doris Richrod and June Swift, with their advisor Miss Helen Levins, the French teacher at the Nantucket High School. They plan to hear a French Opera which is to be presented by the Metropolitan Opera Company the last week of March. It is also planned to see a French movie and to visit the French Center on Arlington street.

Maurice Gibbs, who is president of "Le Cercle Francais" and Barbara Petumenos are to render piano selections during the tea. Records with French dialogue, which are being loaned to us by Mrs. James Reid Parker, are also to be heard.

Patronesses: Mrs. Franklin Atwood, Mrs. Arthur Baker, Mrs. Bowdoin Barnes, Mrs. Paul Cassaday, Mrs. Wylie Collins, Mrs. Robert Congdon, Mrs. Richard Conrad, Mrs. Lawrence Cummings, Mrs. Burnham Dell, Mrs. Leo Ferris, Mrs. Charles Flanagan, Mrs. George Folger, Mrs. David Foulk, Mrs. Ernst Fredrikson, Mrs. Norman Giffin, Mrs. John Grout, Mrs. William Horton, Mrs. Matthew Jaeckle, Mrs. Bradford Johnson, Mrs. Ernest Menges, Mrs. James Reid Parker, Mrs. Richard J. Porter, Miss Edith Sandsbury, Mrs. John F. Shaw, Jr., Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Mrs. Henry G. Warland, Mrs. Carret Woodward, Miss Ellen Ramsdell, Miss Irene Chase.

Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church held their monthly business meeting on Wednesday afternoon, at the Parish House on Main Street, with about 35 ladies present. Mrs. Allen Backus, president of the Auxiliary, presided.

Mrs. Ripley Nelson took this opportunity to remind the ladies that August 4th is the date set for the Church's Summer Festival.

Their meeting proved to hold more in store for the Auxiliary than the usual business matters. Mrs. Charles Pancoast had been invited as guest speaker, and gave a very inspiring talk on the formation of the Women's Auxiliary. She pointed out the important part women have played in history, the very great need of the church in the world today, and the great responsibility of the women in the church.

Mrs. Richard Porter and Mrs. Albert Pitkin were in charge of refreshments for the afternoon. Mrs. Winthrop Carter and Mrs. Ripley Nelson poured tea.

Apr. 7, 1951

St. Paul's Church Bazaar and Tea Held on Wednesday.

Whether Fair street was originally so named because fairs were held on it, we are too shaky on our Nantucket history to tell offhand; be it thus or no, however, Fair street had a fair last Wednesday—and a whopping fair at that.

Throwing Episcopalian dignity to the winds, the ladies of St. Paul's transformed the grounds about their church into a bustling bazaar, displaying everything from marmalade to moccasins. Gaudy beach umbrellas were set up; the lawn was strewn with cases of Coca-Cola and Squirt; and the general carnivalesque atmosphere was consummated by an all-pervading odor of hamburgers and hot dogs.

On sale, among other things, were dolls, flowers, baskets, jelly, jam, cookies, cakes, lampshades, books, and a plentiful disposition of items which may be classified most accurately—though, to be sure, not very majestically—under the word junk (which, we are informed, sold best of anything). Though not exactly a bizarre bazaar, it was at least a varied one. Particularly popular was a display of handmade earrings, bracelets, moccasins, rugs, and other traditional Indian paraphernalia made by "Our Navajo Friends" which had been obtained from Episcopal missions. These trinkets sold so well that Miss Eckert is considering importing more to be placed on sale at the Parish House.

Everything, as a matter of fact, sold well. The food table sponsored by the Candle Light Guild was pillaged at once and then besieged by a host of expectant customers. Mrs. Folger's flowers, Mr. Reyes' baskets, and Miss Anderson's lampshades also were in considerable demand.

Around four o'clock the center of the goings-on shifted to the Macy house on Main street, whose famous doorway, resplendent in its fresh coat of paint, was opened to the public for a tea by Mrs. Julian Harris, the present owner. Guests were allowed to ramble at will through the downstairs floor of the house, which is beautifully furnished and preserved; tea, coffee and cakes were served in the garden. Mrs. Samuel Snelling, Mrs. Bradford Johnson, Mrs. Everett U. Crosby, and Mrs. Fischer Meyer took turns at pouring. Assisting in the serving were Elizabeth De Vane, Susan Harris, Elaine Schenck, Jean Gundry, and Elizabeth Menges. Mrs.

Harrison Gorman received contributions at the door, and the whole affair at the Macy house ran smoothly under the watchful eye of Mrs. E. H. Menges.

At the end of the day, Mrs. Allen Backus, supreme commander of Operation Bazaar, was in such an exhausted state that she could not collect her wits sufficiently to give us any detailed information on the results of the fair. Next morning, however, she was able to say that she hoped to clear a good \$600 from the previous day's proceedings. Judging by this figure, we would say that Mrs. Backus was a very efficient supreme commander, indeed. The funds will go to the benefit of St. Paul's Church.

July 9, 1949

Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's.

The Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church held its first meeting of the fall and winter season on Wednesday, September 6, and the following plans were made for the months ahead.

In September, a rummage sale—which was successfully conducted by Mrs. Richard Porter on the 14th.

In October Mrs. Albert Pitkin will be chairman of a supper committee.

Mrs. John Grout and Mrs. Paul Badger will be in charge of card parties, to be held in November and April.

The Christmas Sale in December will be under the direction of Mrs. Harry Larrabee.

In January there will be a dessert bridge, chairman to be announced later.

Mrs. A. Keith Eaton will head a dance committee in February, and in March there will be a quahaug pie supper, with Mrs. Allen Backus in charge.

Mrs. Ernest H. Menges is planning a bundle tea for May.

The dates of these various functions will be announced later.

Sept. 23, 1950

Annual Bazaar of St. Paul's On Wednesday, July 26.

The Annual Bazaar and Tea, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of St. Paul's Church, will be held on the church grounds, Fair street, Wednesday, July 26, from ten o'clock in the morning until five in the afternoon.

There will be a gift table, with Mrs. Richard Porter in charge assisted by Mrs. Albert Pitkin, Mrs. Charles Amey, Mrs. George Jones and Mrs. George MacDonald; a plant and flower stand headed by Mrs. George Folger, who will have as her helpers Mrs. Stacy Knopf and Miss Lucinda Mack. The latter, Mrs. Folger's niece, is responsible for the very attractive posters seen about town. Mrs. Roy Sanguinetti, assisted by Mrs. Albert M. Read, will officiate at a miscellaneous table with old and new articles for sale assembled from here and there.

Among the new articles will be a few lightship baskets. There will be a fish pond, or grab basket, with surprise packages for the young and old, in charge of Mrs. John Grout with Mrs. Paul Badger and Mrs. Gaius Halsey, and a food table. This last needs no explanation. It is headed by Mrs. O. D. Wescott who has for helpers Mrs. Ralph Lindsay and Mrs. Charles Glidden. There will be cakes, pies, cookies and candy. Mrs. Betty Reyes will display and sell the very attractive baskets made by her husband. Miss Bertha Eckert has been able to get some white kid beaded baby shoes from the Indian Mission. These and other beaded products will be for sale.

Mrs. Ernest Menges will serve tea on the lawn from three to five p. m.

Should the weather be bad on Wednesday the proceedings will take place at Church Haven on Main street.

July 22, 1950

Confirmation at St. Paul's.

Right Reverend Norman B. Nash, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts, visited St. Paul's Church in Nantucket on Friday evening, May 19th, for a service of Holy Confirmation. Members of the Confirmation Class were: Miss Joan E. Austin, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Calvert, Henry Coffin III, Robert L. Coffin, Frederick R. Conner, Jr., Miss Margaret E. Knopf, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall T. Miltimore, and B. Charles Petumenos.

May 27, 1950

Will Preach at St. Paul's.

During the Rev. Bradford Johnson's vacation, the Sunday morning services will be taken by the Rev. Luther Weller, of Lexington, Mass., and by the Rt. Rev. William P. Roberts, the former bishop of Shanghai, China.

The services on Sunday, October 15, will be taken by Rev. Weller, who is the retired rector of Christ Church, Somerville, Mass. He has also served at Woburn and Rockport, Mass., and at Fayetteville and Bainbridge, N. Y.

Bishop Roberts will take the services on Sunday, October 22, and Sunday, October 29. He is the retired missionary bishop of Shanghai and has only recently returned to the United States. Since the early part of the summer Bishop and Mrs. Roberts have been at their summer home in 'Sconset. Mrs. Roberts is the daughter of the Rev. Carlton P. Mills, a retired clergyman, who died in Nantucket in September, 1949. Mrs. Roberts' sister is Mrs. Paul B. Badger, of Orange street, Nantucket.

Oct. 14, 1950

Bishop Remington To Preach On Sunday at St. Paul's.

The preacher at the 10:45 Service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church will be the Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania. Bishop Remington has had a distinguished career in the Episcopal Church. After serving in Philadelphia and Minneapolis churches he was consecrated Suffragan Bishop of South Dakota in 1919. In 1922 he became Missionary Bishop of Eastern Oregon. Since 1945 he has been Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania.

The Bishop and Mrs. Remington have many friends on Nantucket. His appearance at St. Paul's this Sunday is within a few days of the 45th anniversary of their honeymoon, spent at 'Sconset.

Sept. 2, 1950

Annual Meeting of St. Paul's.

On Tuesday evening the annual parish supper and business meeting of St. Paul's Church in Nantucket was held at the Parish House on Main street. The supper was prepared and served by the ladies of the Candlelight Guild, under the co-chairmanship of Mrs. Nicholas E. Norton and Mrs. Hiram W. Macy. The meal was most tastefully prepared and efficiently served by a group of the ladies, assisted by several of the younger members of the church.

The regular annual reports of the rector, clerk, treasurer and the senior warden were presented and accepted, as well as the reports of the Altar Guild, Candlelight Guild, Women's Auxiliary and the Men's Club. The budget for 1951 was presented and accepted, the figures of the treasurer and the finance committee showing that the church is in a good financial condition at the present time.

An interesting report on the 1950 Diocesan Convention was presented by Miss Ellen L. Ramsdell, who attended as a delegate from St. Paul's with Mrs. George W. Jones and Herbert C. Wood.

Albert J. Pitkin was elected clerk, replacing George L. Smith, who has served the church faithfully in that capacity for several years. Henry B. Coleman was re-elected senior warden, William Waine junior warden, and Mrs. Doris Kenyon treasurer.

Elected to the vestry for a three year term were Herman E. Riddell, Burnham N. Dell, and Vernon Hamilton, succeeding Cyril C. Ross, Stanley Whelden and Albert Moody Tucker, who have retired after serving three years. Charles Swain was elected to the vestry for one year, replacing Irving Soverino Jr., who has resigned. Mr. and Mrs. Burnham N. Dell and Mrs. Allen Wood were elected as delegates to the Diocesan Convention.

The vestry of St. Paul's Church now includes Messrs. Roy E. Sanguinetti, W. Robert Waine, George W. Jones, John Kittila Sr., Howard U. Chase, Charles Swain, Herman E. Riddell, Burnham N. Dell and Vernon Hamilton.

Jan. 13, 1951

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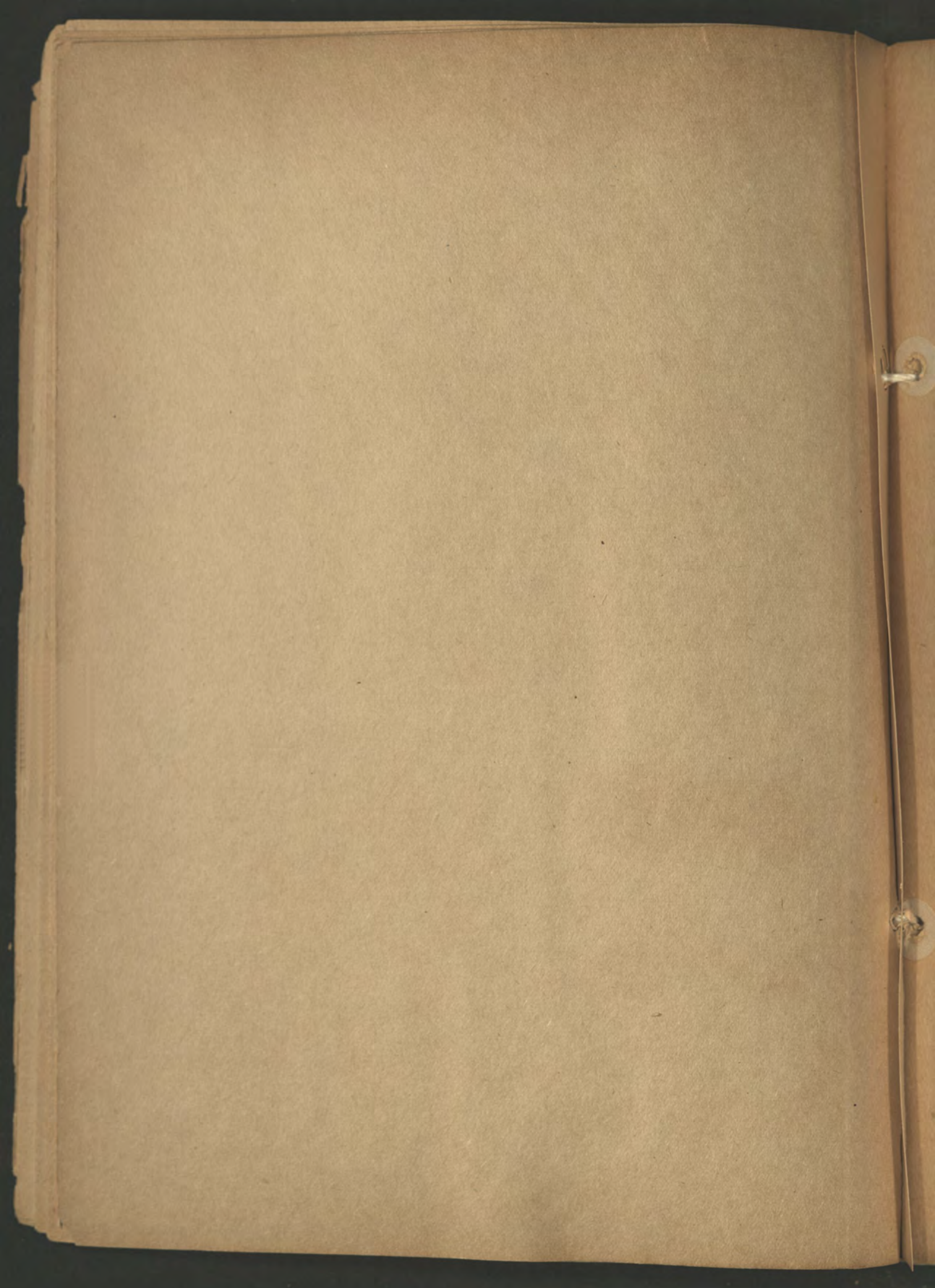
MAY 1944

PARISH HOUSE CAMPAIGN OPENED

The long-standing problem of an adequate Parish House for St. Paul's is on the way to solution. A committee has been appointed by the Rector, consisting of: Mr. William Waine, Mr. Paul Frye and Mrs. Walton Adams, to consider the type of building best suited to our needs, the size of our present lot, and the ways and means of financing the project. Mr. Frye presented a series of drawings of a possible building to the Vestry on May 9 which make fullest use of the lot and seem to meet the needs of the Parish.

It is emphasized that the plans are not final but are offered as a concrete basis for discussion by those who will be using the building, and all suggestions for changes will be most welcome. For availability the plans will hang in the Vestibule of the Church. The Rector hopes that all our members will want a part in this considerable addition to St., Paul's and that many willing hands and hearts will lighten the task of financing the building. A start of \$700 has already been made.

We cannot build until after the war, but we can plan and raise funds. And when the boys come home again, they will find that we have not been idle in providing for the things that are worth fighting for.





Tuesday, August 5th. Annual Union Circle Summer Sale and Luncheon in Bennett Hall. The Sale will be conducted from 10:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m., and luncheon will be served from 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.

Alanson B. Gibbs, employed on the Fitchburg R. R., was instantly killed in a fall from a locomotive.

PUBLIC SUPPER

Under the auspices of the Hustlers
of Congregational Church
in Bennett Hall

TUESDAY EVENING - - MARCH 24

"The Play-room at Night," by cast of children.

Pictures of Nantucket as it Was in Other Days.

Music. Community Singing.

The Union Circle.

The Ladies' Union Circle of the North Church was organized January 6, 1846, and since that date the ladies have met weekly each year during the winter months. One of the traditions of the Union Circle is the annual luncheon and sale conducted during the summer months. This year it will be held in Bennett Hall, Tuesday, August 4th. The sale will be conducted from 10.00 a. m. to 5.00 p. m. Luncheon will be served from 12.30 p. m. to 1.30 p. m.

An item of the sale in which everyone will be interested will be the exhibit of small cushions and knitting bags.

Union Circle Christmas Sale, Tuesday, Dec. 8th, from 2 until 5, North Vestry. Musicales at 3:30. Tea from 4 until 5.

Easter Tea and Musicales at North Vestry, Tuesday, April 27, at 3:30 p. m. Adm. 35c. 1t

SALE

SALE—10 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Luncheon—65c—12 to 2 p. m.
Baby Show Free—3 p. m.

all at

**NORTH CHURCH,
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3rd**
Please buy luncheon tickets at Miss Stevens' Store and come early

UNION CIRCLE Christmas Sale—Musicales and Tea

At the North Vestry
Tuesday, December 7, 1943.
Sale at 2 p. m. Musicales at 3:30

Union Circle Sale and Luncheon

at
BENNETT HALL
Tuesday, August 1, 1944

Sale 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Luncheon 12 to 2 p. m.

Luncheon tickets on sale at Miss Stevens' Store at 75c each.

Bishop Littell to Speak.

Arrangements have been completed to bring to Nantucket a speaker of unusual experience and ability. Bishop Littell, recently retired head of the Anglican Diocese of Honolulu, will preach at a special service at St. Paul's on Tuesday, October 24, at 8:00 p. m.

Bishop Littell became Bishop of Honolulu in 1930 after more than 30 years of service in the China mission field, in which he held important posts in addition to active charge of eleven stations in North and Northeastern Hankow.

In Honolulu his administration was marked by continuous growth and progress. Following the bombing of Pearl Harbor, he rendered valuable service to the armed services there. Now, he is enthusiastically telling of the opportunities for expansion of mission work in the South Seas following the war.

In order to make it possible for all to hear this unusual speaker, an evening service is planned for next week, to which all Nantucket's churches have been invited, and a cordial invitation extended to others in the community.

[Episcopal]

1945

Swedish Smorgasbord given by the "Hustlers," Tuesday, January 23, 5:30 to 7:00 p. m., Bennett Hall, 75c. Get your tickets at Miss Stevens'.

Union Circle Sale, Tuesday, December 4, 2 to 5 p. m. Musical at 3:30. Tea 4 to 5. To reserve tables, call Mrs. Ramsdell, 963-W.

NANTUCKET has at least one women's society which has been in existence 100 years. The record books of the Ladies' Union Circle are intact from 1846 to the present time. It was organized during the pastorate of Rev. George Rich, in 1844, when an old debt was hanging over the Congregational church. The ladies agreed to hold a fair and give the proceeds toward clearing this debt. The fair was held and they netted more than \$700.

1946

One Hundredth Anniversary . . The Union Circle

The Ladies of the Union Circle are observing this week the 100th anniversary of their organization. The Society was formed on January 6, 1846, and was incorporated on October 17, 1929. The record books and names of the officers are intact from 1846 to the present time. The present officers are: President, Mrs. George S. Sutton; 1st Vice President, Mrs. Frank W. Ramsdell; 2nd Vice President, Mrs. Claude Bond; Secretary, Miss Edith Sylvia; Treasurer, Mrs. Hattie Anderson.

An exhibition of photos, programs and other things of interest will be on display.

Anniversary Committee—Mrs. Leroy True, Mrs. Ralph Bartlett, Mrs. William C. Brock, Mrs. Alcon Chadwick, Mrs. John Gardner, Mrs. George S. Sutton.

Resigns as Pastor.

On Sunday, January 20, 1946, Rev. George Sylvester Sutton, Ph. D., tendered his resignation as pastor of the Congregational Church in Nantucket. Rev. Sutton's pastorate began Dec. 1, 1943, and will terminate January 31, 1946, during which time he has ministered both faithfully and well.

Since coming to the island from Illinois, Dr. Sutton has made many friends in the Church and community, through his kindly and friendly associations. Very best wishes go with him and Mrs. Sutton as they leave for their new home in Hudson, Mass.

Musicale and Tea.

A very successful musicale and tea was held Tuesday afternoon in the Old North Vestry, with over one hundred ladies in attendance. The following members of the Union Circle were in charge: Mrs. Willard Hardy at the apron table, assisted by Mrs. Garretson, Mrs. Manter, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Lawrence, and Mrs. Chace; Mrs. George C. Rule at the fancy work table, assisted by Mrs. Edgerton; Mrs. Emma F. Hayward at the miscellaneous table, assisted by Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Reed; Miss Sylvia at the White Elephant table, assisted by Mrs. Norcross and Miss Robinson.

Tea was served in charge of Mrs. Ramsdell, who was assisted by Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Manter. Mrs. Hattie Anderson sold the tickets, and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett was in charge of the waitresses.

The musical program, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone, included "Christmas Eve Memories", by Mrs. True at the Hammond organ and Mrs. Fordyce at the piano; three violin solos—"Serenade" by Widor, "Liebeslied" by Kreisler, and "Legende" by Bohm—by Mrs. Gray, accompanied by Mrs. Fordyce; three soprano solos—"Songs My Mother Taught Me", by Dvorak, "Reverie" by Hahn, and "Solveig's Song" by Greig—by Mrs. Bond, accompanied by Mrs. True; "Schwanenlied und Elsa's Jubelgesand" from "Lohengrin" by Wagner, played by Mrs. Gray accompanied by Mrs. Fordyce; and "Cantique de Noel" by Mrs. Bond, soprano, Mrs. Gray, violin, Mrs. Fordyce, piano, and Mrs. True at the organ.

Dec. 1946

First Congregational Church

Rev. Claude Bond, Minister, Residence, 11 West Chester St.
Mrs. Edmund P. Crocker, Organist Mrs. Claude Bond, Chorister
Mrs. Leroy H. True, Assistant Organist

Nantucket, Mass.

First Church History.



THE 234th ANNIVERSARY OF OLD NORTH VESTRY.

The 234th Anniversary Service, to take place on Sunday, July 29th, is rapidly taking form. It will be held at the monument at Sherburne, on that date, at 3:00 p. m. The Historical Statement will be prepared by Grace Brown Gardner and Alcon Chadwick. Deacon Chadwick will read it.

The Rev. George R. Lockwood, D. D., of Tenafly, N. J., suggested the idea to Dr. George Sylvester Sutton a year ago, and the Council of the Church approved the plan of the anniversary service. Dr. Lockwood, Architect, Astronomer, Lecturer, Author, World-Travelled Student of Christian Progress, Pastor of Presbyterian and Congregational Churches in New York, Philadelphia and San Diego, has been secured as the minister to give the address, "The Past, Present and Future of the Old North Church, First Congregational Church." Our choir will co-operate, the pastor will lead in the devotional service. Further details will be announced later.

Announcements

Due to information discovered by Miss Grace Brown Gardner, affecting the authentic location of the Old North Vestry before its removal to Beacon Hill, and given approval by Mr. Long, the Congregational Council has postponed the date of the announced Anniversary Service. Announcement will be made soon, however.

Old North Church To Observe Its 234th Anniversary.

The traditional location of the 1711 Old North Vestry of the First Congregational Church has been approved by the Nantucket Historical Association at its meeting this week. This is the location approved by the editor of the *Inquirer and Mirror* as published in the First Congregational Church program and agreed upon by Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Wallace Long, Deacon Alcon Chadwick, and Dr. George Sylvester Sutton, all of whom have been giving time to the settlement of this question. The location now so approved is "On rising ground North of No Bottom Pond" and as Isaac Folger indicated on what is now the south side of West Chester street.

The 234th anniversary of the 1711 traditional date, as per The Timothy White Papers, will be held at the First Congregational Church on Sunday morning, August 12th, the second Sunday of Old North Week, and at the No Bottom Pond location Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p. m. This movement was started by the Rev. George Lockwood, D. D., of Tenafly, New Jersey, who suggested to the pastor, Dr. George Sylvester Sutton, last summer that an occasion of this nature would be appreciated by all interested in Nantucket's historical shrines. Dr. Lockwood has accepted an invitation to make the address, "Old North Church, Past, Present and Future."

An historical statement prepared by Miss Grace Brown Gardner, one of Nantucket's historians, will be read by Deacon Alcon Chadwick of the Old North Church. The devotional service will be led by the pastor, Dr. Sutton. There are many important locations of buildings and homes that might well be given significance by the erection of permanent tablets, all of which would add to the attractiveness of Nantucket. We do well to preserve all the atmosphere of Nantucket that is possible before it might be lost to the generations who will journey to Nantucket to share in the spirit of the real America of yesterday.

The 234th Anniversary of Old North Vestry.

The 234th Anniversary Service is to take place on Sunday, August 12, at the No Bottom Pond site, West Chester street, at 3:00 p. m.. The historical statement will be prepared by Miss Grace Brown Gardner and Alcon Chadwick and will be read by Mr. Chadwick.

The Rev. George R. Lockwood, D. D., of Tenafly, N. J., suggested the idea to Dr. George Sylvester Sutton a year ago and the Council of the Church approved the plan for the anniversary service. Dr. Lockwood will give the address. The Congregational Choir will co-operate; the pastor will lead in the devotional service.

Dr. Lockwood, Architect, Astronomer, Lecturer and Preacher, has served in churches in California, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey. He invented the Solacclipse and has written several books popularizing the stars for the sake of spiritual values.

Meeting House Was Offered For Sale.

In glancing through our file for the year 1833 we came across an advertisement reading as follows:

Meeting House for Sale.

The house now owned and occupied by the First Congregational Society in Nantucket, is for sale. For terms please call on S. Parkhurst.

It is presumed that the building offered for sale is what is now known as the Old North Vestry. Evidently no purchaser appeared to want the building, so it was moved to its present location in order to give place for the construction of the new meeting-house, dedicated in November, 1834. The "for sale" advertisement in 1833 is the first intimation we have had that the Congregational Society ever attempted to sell the original church building.

"Old North Church" Observation at Original Vestry Site.

A group of interested islanders and summer islanders gathered on a knoll on West Chester street, at the outskirts of the town on Sunday afternoon, to participate in exercises commemorating the 234th anniversary of the erection of the Old North Vestry.

These exercises were arranged by Rev. George S. Sutton, pastor of the Congregational Church, at the suggestion of Rev. George R. Lockwood, D. D., of Tenafly, N. J.

According to tradition, Old North Vestry was erected in 1711, "on the rising ground" north of No Bottom Pond—about a mile west of the present site of the Vestry, to which ground it was removed in 1765.

The program was as follows:

Invocation Rev. George S. Sutton
Scripture Lesson: Exodus; 1 Kings
"The Church's One Foundation"
Message from Nantucket Historical Association E. Stackpole
Historical Statement by Miss
Grace Brown Gardner, read
by Alcon Chadwick
"We Love the Venerable House."
Anniversary Address: "The
Present, Past and Future"
Rev. George R. Lockwood, D. D.
"America"
Benediction Rev. Joseph W. Cochran

In his message from the Nantucket Historical Association, Edouard A. Stackpole mentioned that the man who proved the organizing force in the formation of the Association in 1894—Rev. Myron S. Dudley—was the pastor of "Old North" Church at the time, and that 50 years ago, during the town's Centennial Observance, Mr. Dudley had investigated and established the original location of the Old North Vestry.

In a most interesting historical statement, prepared by Miss Grace Brown Gardner, and read by Alcon Chadwick, the history of the early settlement of the island, the arrival of Rev. Timothy White, and the first years of the Church's life here were traced. Miss Gardner has made a thorough study of the known facts, and it was her research which led to the accepted fact that the original location of the Vestry was at this section of the oldest street in Nantucket.

The address of Dr. George R. Lockwood was particularly pleasing. An internationally known astronomer, an author of books on astronomy, and a preacher and lecturer of wide experience, Dr. Lockwood was heard with interest and pleasure.

Stressing the lessons of the past, he voiced the plea that the bright new world of peace that is to come be nearer the present by the workings of God's infinite wisdom through the agencies of those men who now control the governments of the world.

The short benediction was given by the Rev. Joseph W. Cochran, for many years minister at the American Church of Paris, France, now a resident of Nantucket.

The singing of the hymns was led by Mrs. Leroy H. True, Chorister, with Gus Bentley accompanying on his piano-accordian.

The Ladies of Union Circle Observe Centennial.

One year ago the members of the Ladies Union Circle of the First Congregational Church celebrated their 99th birthday and then and there began planning for their centennial observance, which has been held on January 6th at the Sunday morning service.

Their birthday tea Tuesday, January 8th at 2:00 p. m., in the Old North Vestry where the organization was born on January 6th, 1846. The old hymns sung by the mothers of the early days were used in the Sunday Service, both by the congregation and the choir.

The message on "One Hundred Years—What Next?" was given by Mrs. Sylvester Sutton, the President of the Circle. It was a survey and felicitation and a challenge that was heard by a large congregation.

There was an attendance of almost 100% of the resident membership of the circle and nearly a half hundred members marched in the procession with the choir and minister and speaker. The Circle members have been congratulating themselves over the success of the service.

The birthday tea, resplendent with the silk and satin gowns of 100 years ago, and the program by the members giving the special numbers, Mrs. Wesley A. Fordyce, pianist; Mrs. Richard V. Gray, violinist, and Mrs. Leroy H. True, with the Circle President, Mrs. Sutton, all in ye ancient but beautiful costumes, was one of Nantucket's very best.

The historical account of the Union Circle, prepared by Mrs. Clara A. W. Norton, was read by Mrs. Edgerton.

The address of the occasion was given by Mr. Adolph G. Eckdahl of Boston, Secretary of Woman's Work of the Massachusetts Congregational Church Conference and Missionary Society, who spoke upon "The Church Woman."

This, too, was a real challenge and inspiration looking ahead to another century of service.

Dr. Sutton led in the worship service, using one prepared for the occasion by Mrs. Eckdahl, in which the assembly cooperated.

The birthday cake and tea and tables with beautiful candelabra and silver service, and the attending ladies in old gowns, made a most lovely scene of fellowship, and one long to be remembered. Serving were Mrs. William Brock and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett assisted by a group of young women and circle members.

The Centennial Committee was Mrs. True, chairman, Mrs. William Brock, Mrs. John Gardner, Mrs. George S. Sutton.

Chairman of the tea, Mrs. Frank Ramsdell, assisted by Mrs. Edward Hamblin, Mrs. Evarts Pond, Mrs. Bertha Bartlett.

Musical and Tea.

A very successful musicale and tea was held Tuesday afternoon in the Old North Vestry, with over one hundred ladies in attendance. The following members of the Union Circle were in charge: Mrs. Willard Hardy at the apron table, assisted by Mrs. Garretson, Mrs. Manter, Mrs. Andrews, Miss Lawrence, and Mrs. Chace; Mrs. George C. Rule at the fancy work table, assisted by Mrs. Edgerton; Mrs. Emma F. Hayward at the miscellaneous table, assisted by Mrs. Backus and Mrs. Reed; Miss Sylvia at the White Elephant table, assisted by Mrs. Norcross and Miss Robinson.

Tea was served in charge of Mrs. Ramsdell, who was assisted by Mrs. Hamblin, Mrs. Pond, Mrs. Chadwick, Mrs. Lewis, and Mrs. Manter. Mrs. Hattie Anderson sold the tickets, and Mrs. Ralph Bartlett was in charge of the waitresses.

The musical program, which was greatly enjoyed by everyone, included "Christmas Eve Memories", by Mrs. True at the Hammond organ and Mrs. Fordyce at the piano; three violin solos—"Serenade" by Widor, "Liebeslied" by Kreisler, and "Legende" by Bohm—by Mrs. Gray, accompanied by Mrs. Fordyce; three soprano solos—"Songs My Mother Taught Me", by Dvorak, "Reverie" by Hahn, and "Solveig's Song" by Greig—by Mrs. Bond, accompanied by Mrs. True; "Schwanenlied und Elsa's Jubelgesand" from "Lohengrin" by Wagner, played by Mrs. Gray accompanied by Mrs. Fordyce; and "Cantique de Noel" by Mrs. Bond, soprano, Mrs. Gray, violin, Mrs. Fordyce, piano, and Mrs. True at the organ.

Hustlers Make May Baskets.

The Hustlers, true to their name, have been busy making Maybaskets, fifty-six of which were delivered to as many shut-ins of all faiths.

Monday evening, May 5, will be the last meeting of the season. A very interesting meeting is planned as Miss Grace Brown Gardner is to be present with some of her scrap books of Nantucket, and will answer the many questions that are sure to be asked. Refreshments will be served.

It is hoped that a good number of the members will attend.

Ellen D. Chace, Sec'y.

Union Circle Is Host To 130 at Musicale

The Union Circle of the First Congregational Church was host to approximately 130 people at the annual Christmas musicale, sale and tea Tuesday afternoon.

The "Holly Carolers", a chorus of eight, sang Christmas carols unaccompanied. Selections included: Silent Night, Shepherds, Shake Off Your Drowsy Sleep, A Joyful Christmas Song, The First Noel, Sing We Noel (male quartet), Good King Wenceslas, Patapan, The Holly and the Ivy and Wassail. Miss Elen Ramsdell, Mrs. Leroy True, Dr. H. Brooks Walker, the Rev. and Mrs. Claude Bond, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Barber and Edouard A. Stackpole comprised the chorus.

The sale featured hand-made and home-made articles. Mrs. Willard P. Hardy, Mrs. Grace Manner, Mrs. Ellen D. Chace, Mrs. Garretson, Mrs. James Andrews and Miss Bertha Lawrence were in attendance at the apron table; Mrs. George Rule, Mrs. Lewis S. Edgerton and Mrs. Richard Gray at the fancy work and candy table; Miss Edith Sylvia, Mrs. Byron E. Pease and Mrs. Rosamond Sykes at the white elephant table; and Mrs. Emma Heywood, Mrs. Alonzo Chase and Mrs. Alma Backus at the auxiliary table.

Tea was served to guests following the musicale. Mrs. Frank W. Ramsdell was in charge of the tea and had the following committees: Mrs. Fletcher Ross, in charge of waitresses; and Mrs. Edward Hamblin, Mrs. Evarts W. Pond, Mrs. Alcon C. Chadwick, and Mrs. Frank E. Lewis in charge of the kitchen.

"Holly Carolers" To Present Program for Union Circle.

At the Union Circle's Annual Christmas Sale Musicale and Tea, to be held Tuesday afternoon, December 6, a double quartette will furnish an unusual program of Christmas Carols. The singers are to be known as the "Holly Carolers," and are as follows: Sopranos—Mrs. Katharine Bond, Mrs. Leroy H. True; Contraltos—Mrs. Howard Barber, Miss Ellen Ramsdell; Bass—Howard Barber; Baritone—Rev. Claude Bond; Tenors—Dr. H. Brooks Walker, Edouard Stackpole.

The program is as follows:

- a.
- 1—"Silent Night"
- 2—"Shepherds, Shake off Your Drowsy Sleep."
- 3—A Joyful Christmas Song
- 4—The First Noel
- 5—"Sing We Noel" (male quartette)
- b.
- 1—"Good King Wenceslas"
- 2—"Patapan"
- 3—"The Holly and the Ivy"
- 4—"Wassail"

Old Colony Women's Association Hold Meeting at Nantucket.

The Old Colony Women's Association met with the First Congregational Church on Wednesday afternoon and evening, October 6th, with 138 in attendance.

At 6:30 p. m. a delicious dinner was served in Bennett Hall, under the direction of Mrs. Grace Turner. At 8 o'clock an interesting program was given in the Church, at which the president of the District Association, Mrs. Helen Mallory, introduced the following speakers: Rev. Ping Heng Wang, Peiping China; Mrs. Henry Meyer, who spoke on our southern schools, and Mrs. George Castino, state chairman for social action.

The Union Circle and Hustlers provided over-night lodging and breakfast for all of the members. On Thursday morning cars were provided to take the visitors on a sight-seeing trip around the Island, after which a luncheon was served in the Vestry, before they took the boat for the mainland.

DECEMBER 12, 1947

Oct. 9, 1949

Union Circle Musicale and Tea.

The annual Union Circle Musicale and Tea, held at the North Vestry on Tuesday afternoon, was a most successful and enjoyable event. The committee, under Mrs. Frank Ramsdell, presented an interesting program, which included violin solos by Mrs. Richard V. Gray, with Mrs. Wesley Fordyce at the piano and Mrs. Leroy True at the Hammond organ; piano solos by Clarence L. Sibley, and songs by the Barnacles Quartet—Messrs. Howard Barber, Dr. H. Brooks Walker, Dr. Norman T. Hughes, and E. A. Stackpole.

Dec. 11, 1948

Washington's Birthday Supper.

A large crowd of hungry Nantucketers gathered at Bennett Hall, Tuesday evening, to partake of a cold ham and salad supper prepared by the Hustlers of the North Church. The hall was attractively decorated in true Washington's birthday motif, with red, white and blue "plants" on each table, and Uncle Sam himself presiding on the stage.

Mrs. Stephen Gibbs was the chairman of the supper committee, and also baked the prize cake; Mrs. Aquila Cormie was the co-chairman; Mrs. Irving Wyer had charge of decorating the hall and tables, and Mrs. Arthur Harris was chairman of the dance committee.

A public dance followed the supper, at which several old-time square dances were mingled with the more modern dance music. Alonzo Chase was the "caller" for the square dancing, which was enjoyed as much, if not more than the usual fox-trots and waltzes. Music for the dancing was provided by Gus Bentley's orchestra, with "Herby" Brownell taking Mr. Bentley's place. Gus was taken ill on Saturday, and could not attend the festivities.

Feb. 26, 1949

Annual Union Circle Easter Tea Next Tuesday Afternoon.

The Union Circle of the Congregational Church will hold its annual tea and musicale next Tuesday afternoon, April 19th, in the Vestry.

Mrs. Richard V. Gray will play a group of violin solos, accompanied by Mrs. Leroy H. True, Miss Betty Jane Yerxa will sing, accompanied by Mrs. True, and Mr. C. L. Sibley will play two groups of piano solos.

Mrs. Gray's violin selections will include "Cavatina" by St. Clair, "Minuet Rural" by Meier, and "Scotch Lullaby" by von Kunits.

Miss Yerxa will open her group of vocal solos with "The Florian Song" by Benjamin Godard and will follow it with two operatic arias—"Batti, Batti", from "Don Giovanni" by Mozart, and "Addio Del Passato" from "La Traviata" by Bizet.

Mr. Sibley will play the following compositions: "Andante Molto" and "Alla Menuetto" from the Sonata, Opus 7, by Grieg; Opus 43, number 1, by Grieg; "Arabesque deuxieme" by Debussy; "Soirees de Vienne, number 6" by Schubert-Liszt; "Prelude, Opus 3, number 2" by Rachmaninoff, and "Un Morceau" by Sibley.

The fact that the Union Circle is holding its annual musicale and tea on Patriots' Day, which is a holiday, will give many people, who would otherwise be unable to attend, an opportunity to hear these talented Nantucketers. Reservations may be made by calling Mrs. Frank Ramsdell.

Apr. 16, 1949

Musicale and Tea.

The ladies of the Union Circle of the Congregational Church presented their annual "Musicale and Tea" on Tuesday afternoon. The vestry of the church was filled, not an empty seat being left at any table when the program began at 3:30 p. m.

Mrs. Richard Gray, accompanied by Mrs. Wesley A. Fordyce, Miss Betty Jane Yerxa, accompanied by Mrs. Leroy True, and C. L. Sibley provided an hour of excellent music, which was enjoyed by everyone present. The program was presented in our columns last week.

Apr. 19, 1949

Musicale at Bennett Hall.

Tuesday afternoon of this week the Hustlers of the Congregational Church presented their annual Easter Musicale and Tea. Formerly held in the Vestry of the Church, the tea was this year moved to Bennett Hall, since the re-modeling and re-decorating of the Vestry no longer makes it feasible to hold affairs of this nature in the Vestry.

There was a good attendance of ladies, with a scattering of men, seated at the prettily decorated tables in the hall when Mrs. Leroy True announced the opening number on the afternoon's program.

Miss Eugenie Stackpole played two saxophone solos, unaccompanied, which were enjoyed by everyone—"Charmaine" and "La Paloma".

Accompanied by Mrs. True, Miss Bette Jane Yerxa, who is a student at the New England Conservatory of Music, sang a group of three French songs—"Bergerette", "Plaisirs d'Armour", by Giovanni Martini, and "Belle Nuit" from the "Tales of Hoffman".

Miss Stackpole returned to play "Simple Confession", by Thomé, following which Miss Yerxa sang "Voi Che Sapete" and "Deh Vieni Non Tardar" from Mozart's "Le Nozze di Figaro". Her last two numbers were two French "Bergerettes".

Union Circle Musicale.

Next Tuesday afternoon the Union Circle of the Congregational Church will hold its annual Christmas Musicale and Tea in Bennett Hall.

The musicale will begin three-thirty o'clock, at which time Mrs. Wesley Fordyce and Mrs. Leroy True will present piano solos and duets and Mrs. Irving Stanley and her father, Mr. John Greene, will sing. Mrs. Fordyce is in charge of the half-hour program.

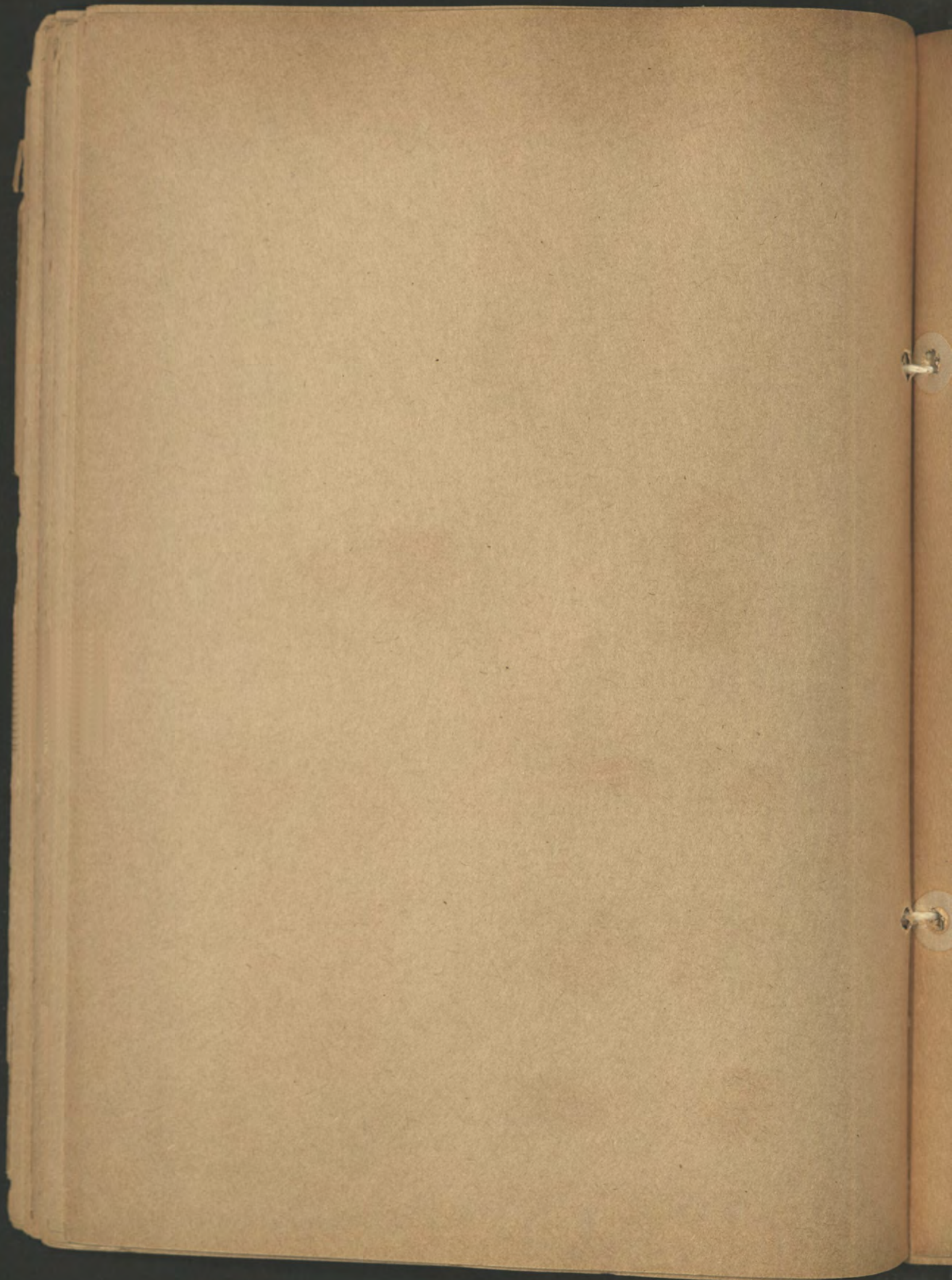
Mrs. Harry Turner and Mrs. Edward Hamblin are in charge of the tea, and will be assisted by Mrs. Herbert Foye, Mrs. Arthur Vincent, and Mrs. Elsie Cady. Mrs. Lewis Edgerton is in charge of the waitresses. Mrs. Richard V. Gray will be in charge of the "useful articles" table, Mrs. Willard Hardy the apron table, and Mrs. George W. Sykes the "white elephant" table. Chairman of the entire afternoon's proceedings is Mrs. Frank W. Ramsdell.

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Union Circle Musicale, Sale and Tea will be given in Bennett Hall on Tuesday, December 5, from 3 to 5, Mrs. Frank Ramsdell in charge. Aprons, useful articles and white elephants will be on sale. Musicale at 3:30; tea at 4 p. m. 1t

Dec. 2, 1950





Unitarian Church

Rev. James Z. Hanner, Pastor.

Residence, 10 Fair Street

Sunday, December 7. Service of Worship at 10:45 a. m. Sermon subject: "The Search for Repose." Church School at 12.
 Monday, December 8. The Sewing Society will meet at Miss Congdon's
 Tuesday, December 9. Christmas Sale and Tea in the Vestry. Sale at 2:00 p. m. Tea at 4:00 p. m.
 Wednesday, December 10. The Alliance will meet at Mrs. Selden's.

Unitarian Christmas Sale and Tea,
 Tuesday, December 9, in the Vestry.
 Sale, 2:00 p. m. Tea, 4:00 p. m.

Sale at Unitarian Vestry, Thursday,
 July 30, 11 to 4. Salad Bowl Luncheon,
 12:30 to 2. Price 50 cents. 1t

Installation Service at Unitarian.

The Rev. Willard D. McKinstry was installed as pastor of the Unitarian Church in Nantucket at a service held last Sunday afternoon. The order of worship was as follows:

Organ Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Responsive Reading No. 75
 Rev. H. Osgood Bennett
 Anthem
 Scripture Lesson
 Rev. H. Osgood Bennett
 Hymn No. 310 (Truro)
 Sermon
 Rev. Daniel Bennett
 Vocal Solo
 Mrs. Claude Bond
 Prayer of Installation
 Rev. Claude Bond
 Choir Response
 Charge to the Minister
 Charge to the People
 Rev. Lawrence Farr
 Rev. H. Osgood Bennett
 Word of Installation and Welcome
 B. Chester Pease
 Right Hand of Fellowship
 Hymn No. 450
 Benediction
 Rev. Willard L. McKinstry
 Organ Postlude

At the Unitarian vestry on Wednesday evening sixty-five people enjoyed a delicious supper ably served by Mrs. Gouin for the benefit of the Alliance.

Christmas Sale, Unitarian Vestry, Tuesday, December 15, 2 to 5. Tea 4 until 5. It*

Unitarian Alliance.

On January 28 despite a considerable snowfall the ladies of the Alliance gathered at the home of the Misses Congdon for the monthly meeting.

An inspiring talk was given by the Rev. Lyman Greenman who spoke from memories, many and varied, all of which were focused on the words of Mohamet, If you have two loaves of bread sell one and buy hyacinths. This thought he carried on to the teaching of Christianity which in the spirit of brotherhood prompts us to share both.

Coffee was served and a delightful social hour was enjoyed.

Unitarian Church

The Church with the Golden Dome

Built in 1809

Rev. Willard L. McKinstry, Minister.

Residence, 10 Fair Street.

Sunday, February 7, Church School at 9:30. Service of Worship, 10:45.

Sermon: "Lincoln as an Example for Our Times."

The Sewing Society will meet on Monday at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Lester C. Ayers.

The Alliance will meet on Wednesday, February 10, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mrs. G. E. Hutaff. Miss Grace Brown Gardner will be the speaker.

Unitarian Alliance.

The ladies of the Alliance met at the home of Mrs. Hutaff.

Following the business meeting the speaker, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, brought to the attention many of the island characteristic features, historical and otherwise.

A test in which all heartily took part proved to most of the listeners that there are still many points of interest with which they might be more familiar.

The talk closed with the story of the first Indian convert, whose indiscretion brought King Philip to the island and how the quick-witted settlers not only saved the life of John Gibbs but speeded the departure of the unwelcome King.

World Community Meeting of Church Women.

In co-operation with the National Federation of Church Women in America, the women of the Nantucket churches are to have a joint meeting on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 9, at 3:00 o'clock, in the Vestry of the Unitarian Church, for the purpose of considering what sort of ideals we should be forming for the post-war world, and how we can act now so that those ideals may be achieved. The Rev. Laurence Farr, the Rev. H. Osgood Bennett, and the Rev. Willard McKinstry will be the speakers. All women who are interested are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

Christmas Sale
Vestry, Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 2 p. m. tea
at 4. nov27-2t

The Alliance will meet Tuesday at 3:00 in the Vestry. Miss Josephine Congdon will review Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man," and Mr. McKinstry will talk briefly on the question of the subsidies which have been before Congress.

The Alliance will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18, at 3 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. G. E. Hutaff. The subject of the meeting will be: "Quakerism, a Friendly Religion," and the speaker will be Edouard Stackpole.

The Unitarian Sewing Society will hold a Sale and Salad Bowl luncheon on Thursday, July 27, in the Vestry. The Sale begins at 11 o'clock in the morning and continues until 4 in the afternoon. The luncheon is at 12:30.



The Nantucket Unitarian Church

(Second Congregational Meeting House)

11 Orange Street

WILLARD L. MCKINSTRY, MINISTER
10 Fair Street

Christmas Sale and Tea, Unitarian
Vestry, Thursday, December 7, 2:00
o'clock. Tea at four. nov25-2t

Sale and Tea in Unitarian Vestry,
December 6. Sale at 2:00 p. m. and
Tea at 3:30 p. m. 1t

Unitarian Alliance Meeting.

The March meeting of the Unitarian Alliance women was held at the home of Mrs. E. Chapel, Union street, on Wednesday the 13th.

The business meeting was chiefly concerned with plans for a Discovery Sale which is to be held at the Vestry March 21st. There will be tables of dishes, glassware, shells, pictures and frames, etc., as well as a coffee counter—which will be in evidence from 2 p. m. on.

There will be a Family get-together on Sunday, St. Patrick's Day, beginning at 4.30 with games for the children. A box supper will be followed by a program by the various Sunday School classes which will close with a candlelight service conducted by the Junior Alliance girls.

Following the business meeting, the Alliance was given an interesting talk by Mr. McKinstry on the life of Francis David of Kholosvar in Hungary in the 16th century. Mr. McKinstry spoke in place of Mr. Baker, who was ill.

Mrs. Chapel, assisted by Mrs. Elwyn Francis, served a delightful tea with a St. Patrick's Day theme of decoration. Mrs. Edward Lewis poured.

Girl Scouts Notes.

The Unitarian Vestry was the scene of a pleasant social event of the winter season, when the Girl Scout Association held a Silver Tea on Wednesday, January 22. The room was attractively decorated in the Girl Scout colors of yellow and green. The card tables were loaned by the American Legion Auxiliary and one was on display showing the top covered with advertisements of Nantucket merchants and businessmen.

Along one wall the leaders of Troop I, Mrs. Stackpole, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Sanguinetti, had arranged a colorful and artistic display of some of the work done for Dance and Group Music badges. At the long tea table Mrs. Earl Ray, chairman of the Association, poured, assisted by Mrs. Byron Coggins and Mrs. H. O. Bennett.

The Mariner Scouts, in charge of Mrs. Robert Waine, served most efficiently. Mrs. José Reyes was chairman of the tea, and was assisted in all the details by the other members of the Association.

Mrs. Roy Brockway and the girls of Troop III presented an entertainment consisting of three sketches, "The Gingham Dog and The Calico Cat" and "Pussy Willow", demonstrating work in Troop Dramatics, and "A Hike In The Woods" illustrating Foot Traveler, First Aid and Outdoor Cook.

The next big event on the Girl Scout calendar will be a Badge Award Day on March 12, the Girl Scout birthday.

Heirloom Tea.

On Wednesday afternoon, July 9th, the Vestry of the Unitarian Church was the scene of a most attractive tea. The walls were hung with a display of quilts, some of silk in intricate patchwork and beautifully blended colors, others of patchwork or applique, with tiny hand-done quilting designs, and others of interesting old calico and chintz. Among the shawls on exhibition were two of delicate black lace, several of silk with deep fringe, one of cashmere in a paisley design, and several of wool paisley. The old-fashioned silver tea service belonging to the church, and some old glass cake plates in which roses floated were arranged on one table. At another were old articles of wearing apparel such as punkin' hoods, tortoise shell combs, parasols and fans and the lovely dinner china of the Barney family was arranged for a dinner at a third table. Samplers, footstools, rugs and woven and crocheted coverlets were among the exhibits.

Miss Carol Coggins and Miss Diane Perrin modeled old-fashioned dresses.

The tea tables were decorated with flower candles floating in old glass finger bowls.

Mrs. Elkins Hutaff was in charge of the exhibition and Mrs. Byron Coggins was in charge of the tea.

July 12, 1947

Unitarian Alliance Supper.

At the February Alliance meeting, held at the home of Mrs. Edward Lewis on Union street, it was decided to have a Nantucket chicken chowder supper on Thursday, March 4th.

The next meeting will be held in the Vestry on March 10th. It is to be an interchurch meeting and Mr. James Reid Parker will be the speaker. At the meeting there will be donations, from members, of articles to be used at the Star Island Fair next summer.

Feb. 21, 1948

Alliance Held Farewell Party For Mr. and Mrs. McKinstry.

A very successful, and enjoyable, church supper was held in the Unitarian Vestry on Thursday evening of this week, the Alliance presenting it as a farewell party to their departing minister, Rev. Willard McKinstry, and family.

The tables were completely filled with church members and friends—in fact, had just one more person arrived an extra place would have had to be arranged!

The supper of meat loaf, potato salad, etc., was thoroughly enjoyed.

Following the meal, Reverends Shovelton and Strong expressed their regrets that Nantucket was to lose such a sincere and conscientious worker as Mr. McKinstry and wished him much luck and happiness in his new pastorate.

William L. Mather was toastmaster for the occasion, and Mrs. John Stackpole presented the gifts to the McKinstry family, one of the gifts being a large lightship basket to remind them of Nantucket after they leave its shores.

More than an hour of singing was enjoyed by the group before the evening ended. Herbie Brownell provided the accompaniment and Mrs. Stackpole led the singing.

Oct. 18, 1947

Mrs. Clarissa McKinstry.

Mrs. Clarissa McKinstry, wife of the Rev. Willard L. McKinstry, died at the Leicester, Mass., Hospital on Wednesday, October 3rd. She was born in Warwick, Mass., on October 4, 1900.

During the years that Reverend McKinstry was minister at the Unitarian Church here in Nantucket, she was active in the work of the Church and of the community. She also served as a member of the School Committee from 1943 until 1947 when they moved from Nantucket to Leicester.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth.

Funeral services were held at the Unitarian Church in Leicester.

Oct. 6, 1951

Unitarian Alliance Meeting.

The Nantucket Branch Alliance of the Unitarian Church held the regular meeting for January at the home of Mrs. Robert Congdon on Wednesday, January 14th. In spite of the heavy snow which had fallen during the day, there was a good attendance. The committee chairmen for Churchmanship, Social Service, Education, International Work, World Fellowship, and Finance gave reports on the work done by their committees.

It was voted to answer the appeal from the Infantile Paralysis Foundation Fund, and to raise a sum of money to assist in the work of the Elliott P. Joslin Camp for diabetic boys, near Worcester, Mass. The supper which is planned for January 29th will be open to the public, and tickets may be reserved by calling Mrs. J. A. Stackpole.

The speaker of the afternoon, Miss Graec Brown Gardner, announced that her subject would be the history of the Churches of Nantucket. Miss Gardner's hobby of collecting news items from old Nantucket papers and books makes her a qualified speaker on nearly all phases of Island history, and, in a charming manner, she outlined the story of the beginning and development of the various denominations which have been and are found on Nantucket. The scrap books which were passed around after the talk were of great interest to all, as they contained many old pictures of the churches as they used to be. The picture of the "beautiful" Trinity church, which used to stand on Broad street, of the old wooden Episcopal church on Fair street, and one of the present stone building were most interesting. The records of the history of the Unitarian church are incomplete, and Miss Gardner said she is anxious to obtain the first two sections of this history (1902) by Rev. Meyers, of which she has the third.

Following the meeting, tea and coffee were served in the beautiful dining room of the Congdon home.

Unitarian Sewing Society Christmas Sale and Tea in the Vestry, Thursday, December 2, from 2 p. m. nov20-2t

Nov. 13, 1948

New Organ to be Dedicated.

The new "Estey" organ, given to the Unitarian Church by Miss Elizabeth C. Fitzgerald, will be dedicated at the Sunday morning service, November 21. Mr. Mather, president of the Board of Trustees, will accept the organ on behalf of the members of the church. Augustus Bentley, organist, will play special music.

Nov. 20, 1938

Public Supper and Community Sing, Saturday evening, February 19, at 6 p. m., Unitarian Vestry. Adults, 95c, children 50 cents. Limited number of tickets. Call 909 for reservations.

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A group of two hundred and fifty people gathered in the Unitarian Church on Monday evening to see the stereopticon slides of old Nantucket selected from the collection of the late Harry B. Turner, presented recently to the Historical Association. The slides were shown by Edouard A. Stackpole, who commented briefly on the various scenes. Proceeds went to the church building fund.

Aug. 13, 1949

1948

Religious Society of Friends, Quakers

Meetings for Divine Worship at 10:45 a. m. in the Fair Street

Meeting House

For further information call Robert J. Leach, 909

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Society of Friends

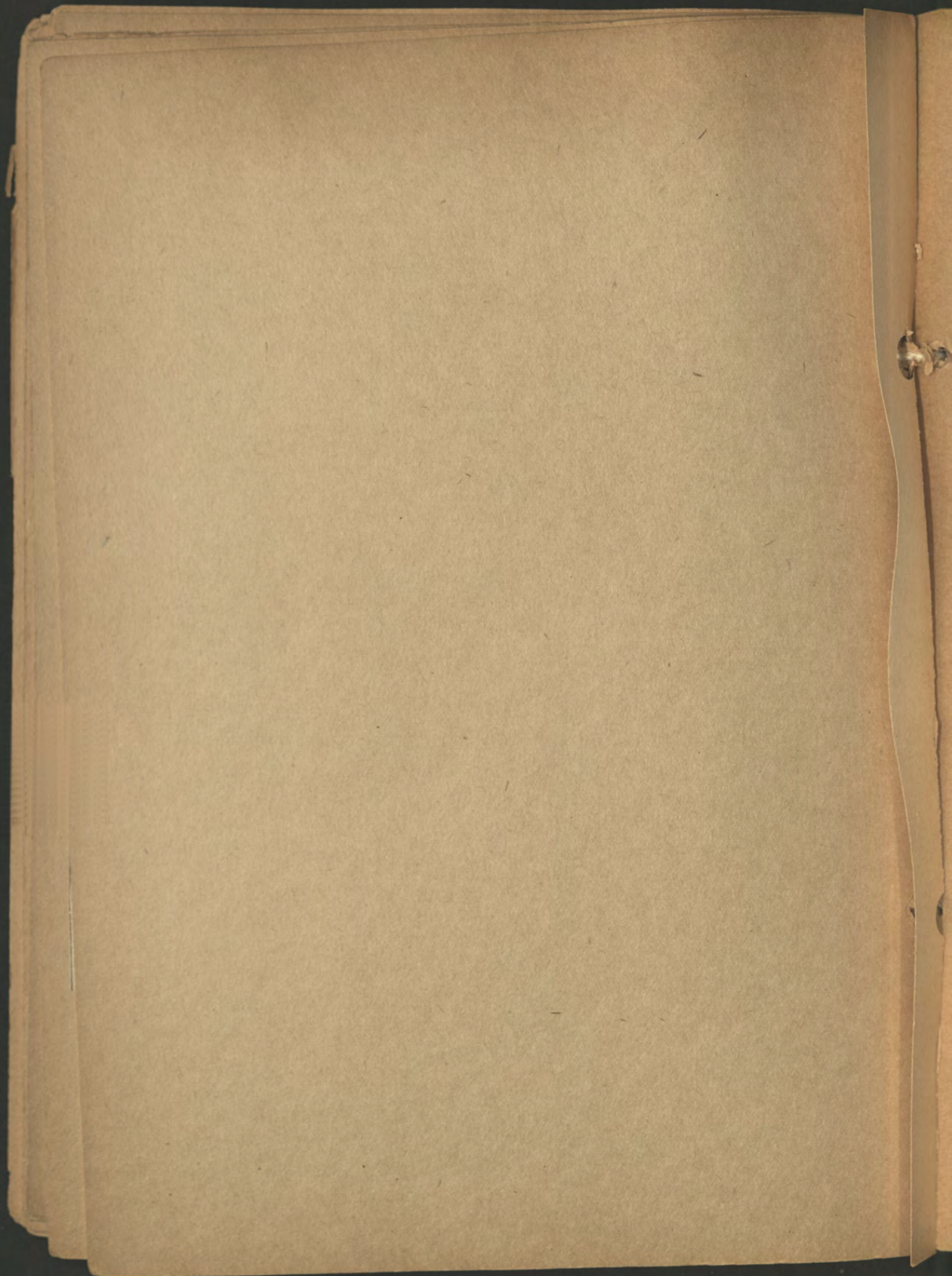
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All are welcome

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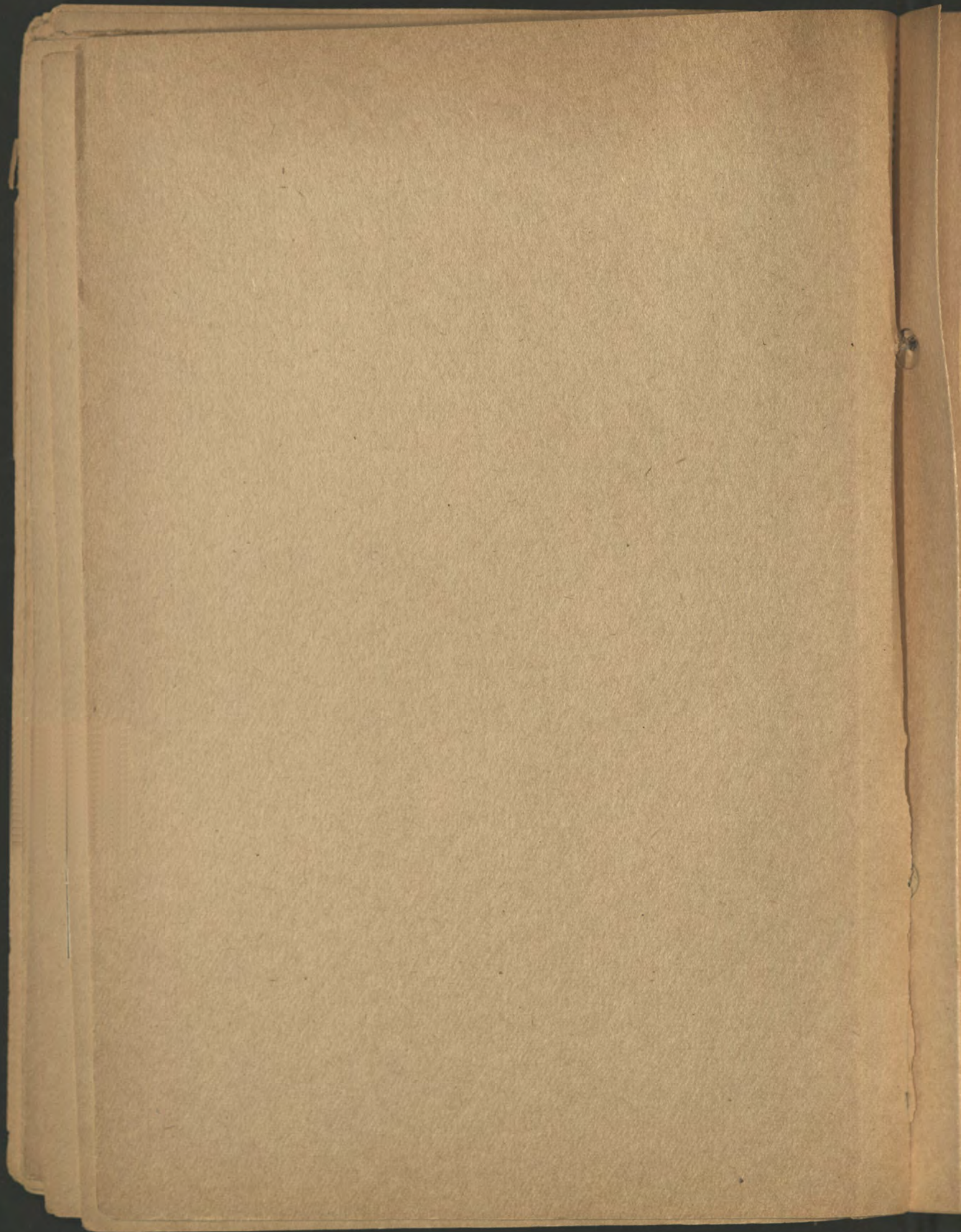
Dr. Gardner Spoke to Alliance.

Dr. Will Gardner spoke on the subject "The Coffin Family" at a guest day meeting of the Unitarian Women's Alliance Wednesday afternoon in the vestry of the Unitarian church. About forty Alliance members and guests attended.

Dr. Gardner reviewed several interesting and unanswered questions concerning the Coffin Family. First, was Tristram Coffin ever in Portledge Manor, the home of the Coffins in England? Second, who was the Great-grandfather of Tristram Coffin? Third, why hasn't the Tristram Coffin Family Association been kept up through the years, since the reunion of 1881? He also mentioned the bank robbery of 1795, and the question, why was there enmity between Micajah Coffin and William Coffin. Dr. Gardner finished his talk by urging his audience to enjoy their ancestors, to ask questions and dig into old records for information about them, which study may prove to be a new and vital interest in one's life.

Tea was served following the program. Miss Josephine Congdon poured. The hostesses were the Interchurch committee: including Mrs. Lester Ayers, Mrs. Robert Congdon, Mrs. Clark Coffin, Mrs. Edward Lewis and Mrs. Elkins Hutaff.

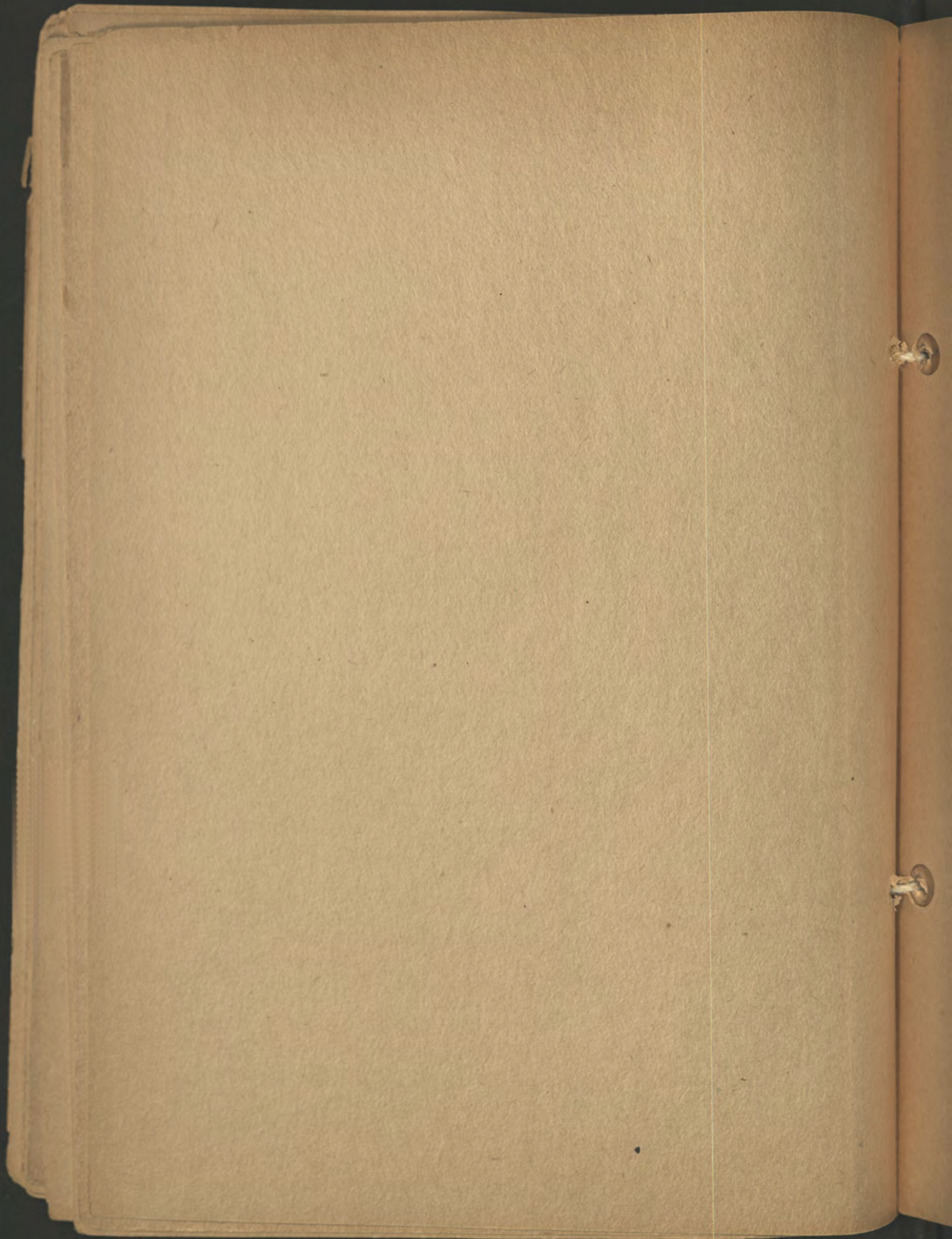
Nov. 12, 1949



Union Thanksgiving Service.

The Union Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Protestant Churches of Nantucket, will be held Wednesday evening, Nov. 27, at 7:30 p. m., in the First Baptist Church. The Rev. Richard Strong, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, will preach. All the ministers will take part in the service of worship and there will be special music by a chorus choir made up of singers from the various churches. Everyone is invited to attend this community Thanksgiving Service.

Because starvation is still an awful reality in many lands, we cannot give thanks to God without sharing with those in need. An offering will be received at this Service and will be sent to relieve hunger. Each contribution will help reach the goal of \$2,000,000 which is the aim of sixteen national church groups acting jointly through Church World Service.



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Number of volumes added to the Library	782
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Jan. 13, 1949.

ANNUAL MEETING

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Grace Brown Gardner, Sec'y.
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Annual Meeting of Nantucket Atheneum Association.

The annual meeting of the Nantucket Atheneum Association was held at the Library on Thursday evening, with about twelve share-holders present. Dr. William E. Gardner presided in the absence of the president, Harry M. Harps, who is recuperating from an operation in Boston.

The reports of the officers were read and approved, as were the reports of the standing committee and the committee on improvements.

The nominating committee presented its report and the following officers were elected for 1951: President, Harry M. Harps (re-elected); vice-president, Dr. William E. Gardner (re-elected); corresponding secretary, Mrs. Walton H. Adams (re-elected); recording secretary, Miss Grace Brown Gardner (re-elected). Benson C. Chase, who has been the treasurer for the past six years, was succeeded in office by Lewis B. Jelleme. Re-elected as trustees were William C. Brock, Walter Coffin, Paul Frye, Peter Hussey and Miss Clara Parker.

Feb. 13, 1951

Report of The Librarian of The Nantucket Athenum Library.

Number of books circulated during year.....	23,268
Average number per month.....	1,939
Average number per week.....	448
Number of volumes of non-fiction circulated.....	6,030
Number of fiction circulated.....	17,238
Number loaned to residents.....	14,987
Number loaned to non-residents.....	8,281
Number of volumes added to library.....	1058
Number of volumes donated.....	758
Number of volumes discarded.....	68
Number of volumes rebound.....	150
Total number of books in the library.....	48,861
Number of membership cards issued to residents.....	111
Number of membership cards issued to non-residents.....	1,330
Total number of membership cards issued.....	1,440
Number of magazines used in the library.....	68
Number of magazines donated.....	25
Number of magazines donated.....	25
Number of pamphlets donated.....	56
Number of cards typewritten for the catalogue.....	1,775

Another year has passed and it is time to relate some of the things that have been accomplished and the gifts that the Library has received.

One thing is interesting to note and that is that although there are so many visitors to the island who borrow books from the Library the greater part of the books circulated is issued to Nantucket residents who borrowed 14,987 against 8,261 lent to non-resident readers.

The Library has received several large donations of books and also many of smaller amounts. All of these gifts are greatly appreciated. Among the collections have been many volumes of standard and worthwhile French books. These are a welcome addition to the books in that language which the Library already owns and which is said to be a very fine collection.

Another gift is that of Mr. Theodore Bunker who has presented the Library with a number of booklets that he has compiled from Nantucket records, giving the history, copies of wills and deeds and names of different owners and all other information obtainable about some of the very old houses on the island. These are very valuable to the Library as there are so many calls for information about houses that cannot be easily found anywhere but by an extensive search through the Town Records. It is hoped that Mr. Bunker will continue this valuable work.

The genealogical records and index of the so-called "Pollard Papers," compiled by Mrs. Eliza Pollard, containing the records of Nantucket families from the earliest settlement of the Island to about 1875, have been microfilmed. This will preserve a copy of the volumes in case of fire, accident or over use.

Two copies of the address entitled "William Rotch," written by Edouard Stackpole and delivered by him at the meeting of The Newcomen Society of England which was held at Nantucket last summer, have been given to the Library. Any books or papers referring to the early life on the Island or to its history are very much desired.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Parker, Librarian.

January 11, 1951.

Annual Meeting of Proprietors of Nantucket Atheneum.

The annual meeting of the Proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum, originally scheduled for Thursday evening, Jan. 10, was held on Monday evening, Jan. 14, at the Library, having been postponed because of the storm on the previous date.

The reports of the officers were read and approved and the report of the Librarian, Miss Clara Parker, was presented and is printed herewith.

The officers, elected for the ensuing year, are as follows: president, Harry M. Harps; vice-president, Dr. William E. Gardner; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Nancy S. Adams; recording secretary, Miss Grace Brown Gardner; treasurer, Lewis B. Jelleme; trustees, Miss Clara Parker, William C. Brock, Peter M. Hussey, Paul M. Frye, and Henry B. Coleman.

Report of Librarian

Number of books circulated during the year.....	22,493
Average number per month.....	1,791
Average number per week.....	453
Number of volumes of nonfiction circulated.....	5,928
Number of volumes of fiction circulated.....	16,565
Number of volumes loaned to residents.....	15,179
Number of volumes loaned to nonresidents.....	7,314
Number of volumes added to library.....	1,182
Number of volumes donated.....	838
Number of volumes discarded.....	57
Number of volumes rebound.....	193
Total number of volumes in library.....	49,886

Membership cards issued to residents	94
Membership cards issued to nonresidents	1,225
Magazines and newspapers used in library	61
Magazines and newspapers donated	21
Pamphlets donated	94
Cards typed for the catalogue	1,619

The year 1951 started in with a great many gifts of books. There is an old adage which claims that as the year starts so it will continue. This has certainly been true at the library as donations have been made all through the year, one set of books arriving before a previous set has been entirely catalogued. These have been a great help as they cover all subjects.

A donation of value was the "Oceanic Birds of South America," in two volumes, by Robert Cushman Murphy. These were given by Mr. C. Lister Carlisle. Mr. Henry C. Carlisle, his brother, while visiting the island the past summer, was very much interested in the old volumes of Nantucket newspapers and left a sum of money to be used for the rebinding of several badly worn volumes.

During the past year the library has received magazines "London Calling" and "Coming Events" issued as an invitation to visit London during the Great Festival held there during the past year. These were very interesting and were well illustrated.

The Rotary Club of Nantucket has given a subscription to their magazine, "The Rotarian". "The American Heritage" has also been given by a friend of the library. For many years the Island Service Company has furnished the library with "The American Builder."

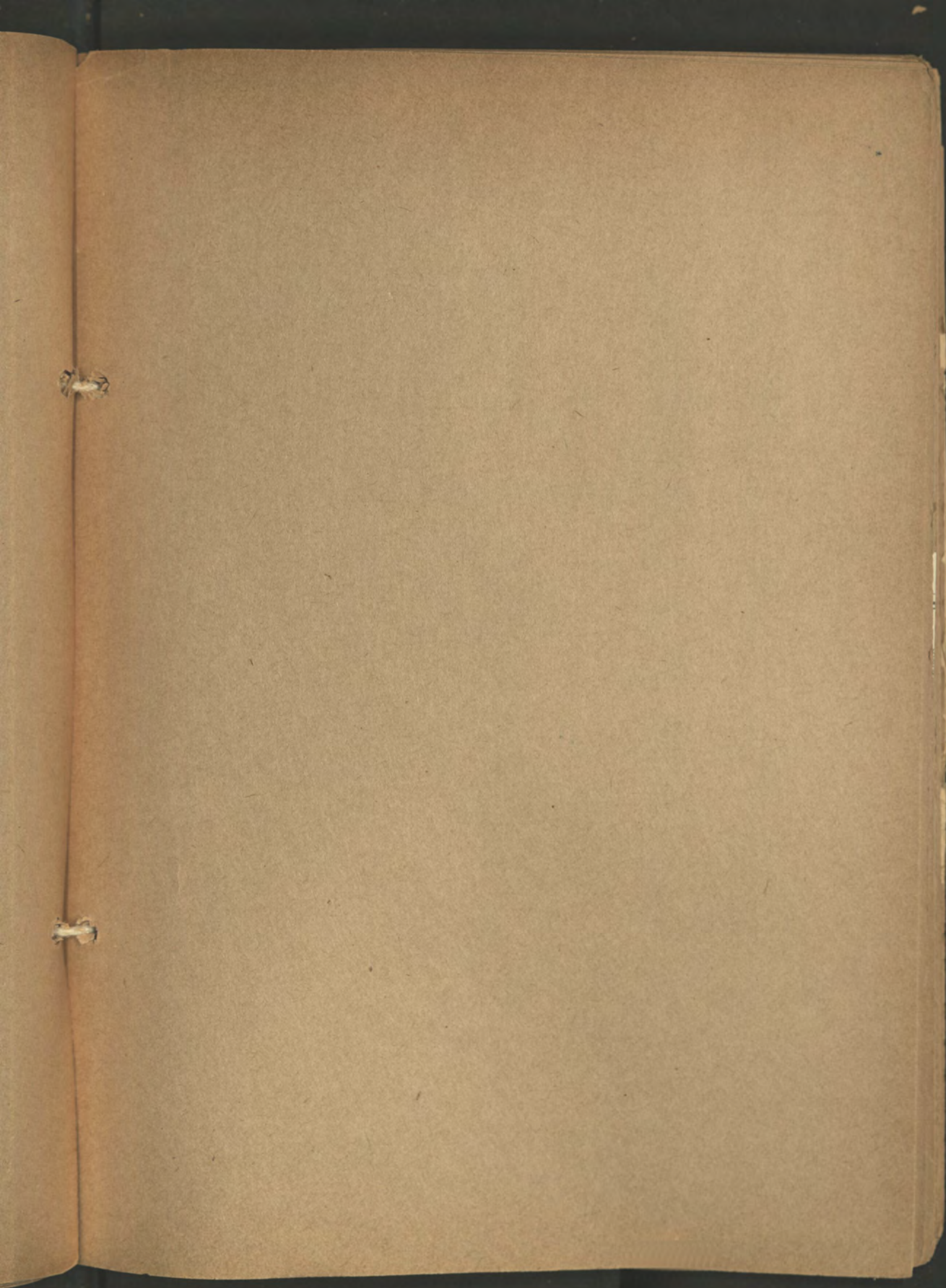
Mrs. John Kieran gave a collection of new copies of forty-five books for the children and the library has also purchased others.

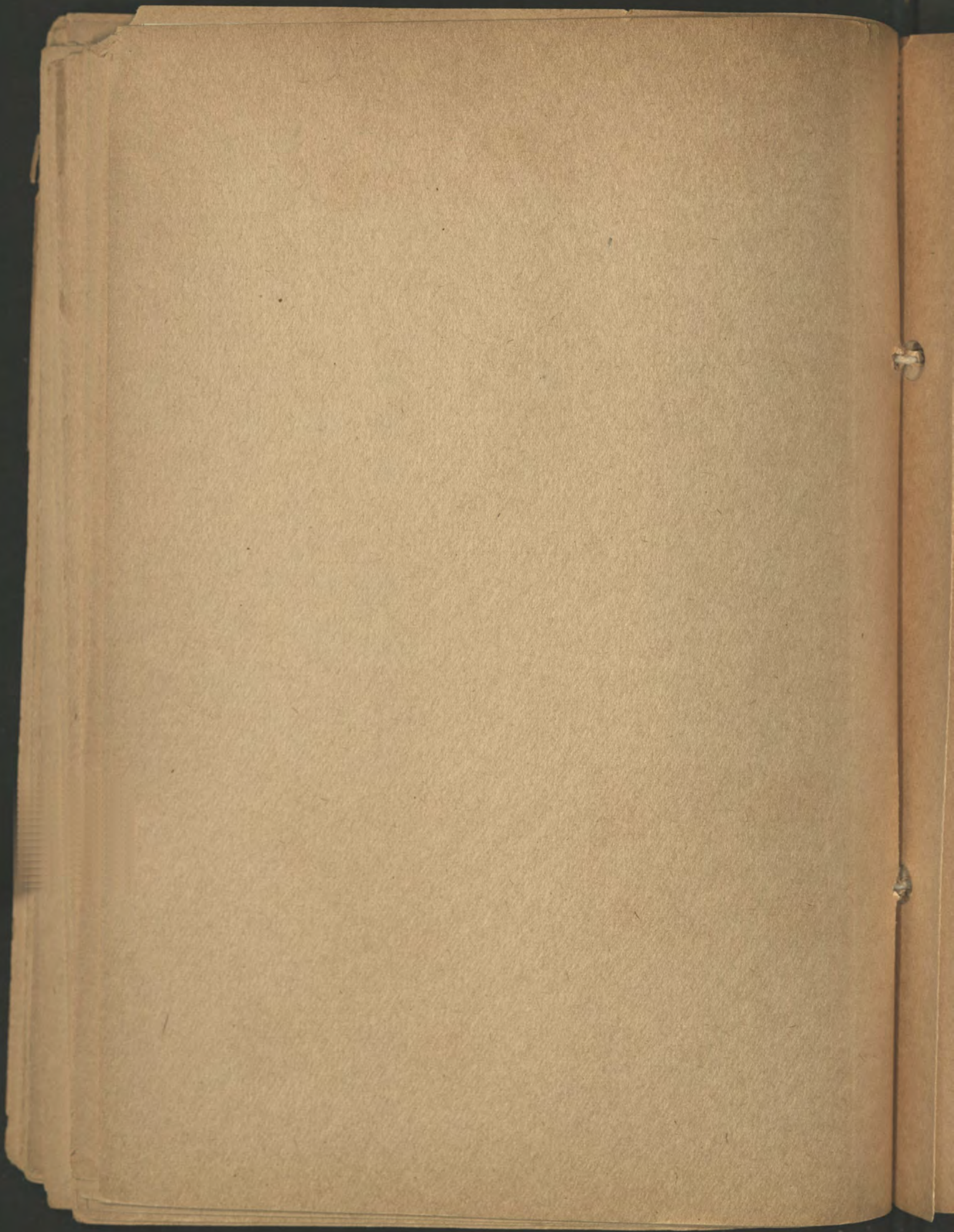
The library has been able to purchase a set of the newest edition of Encyclopedia Britannica and has also ordered a set of The World Book Encyclopedia which it is hoped will arrive in the very near future.

The Reading Room has been furnished with new chairs. These are solid wood, of the Windsor style. They are very comfortable and are expected to remain in good condition much longer than the cane seated ones that were formerly in use. The Reading Room table has also been improved by removing all of the hand carved initials which were very numerous. After this work, which was done by some of the boys of the woodworking class at the Coffin School, it has received coats of stain and varnish giving it a much better appearance.

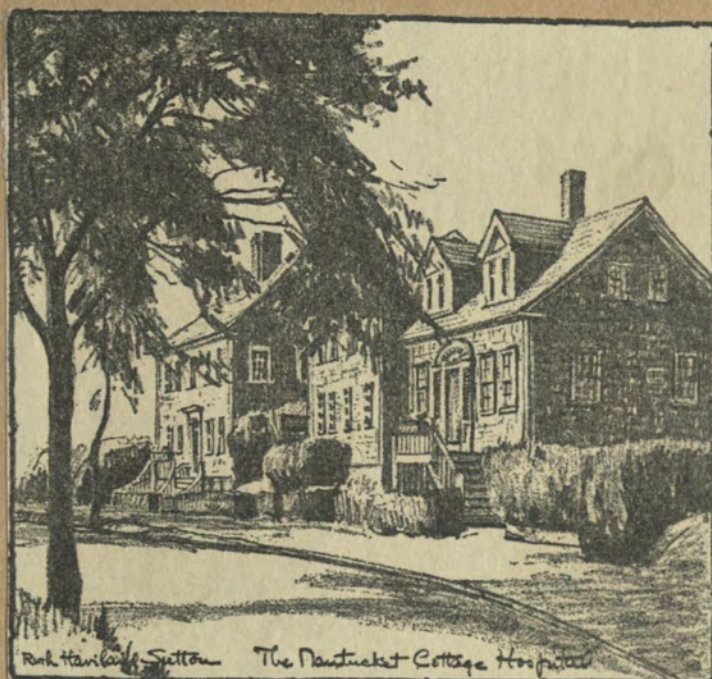
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Jan 19
1952





NANTUCKET COTTAGE HOSPITAL



The Hospital Drive For \$10,000 Starts Today.

The drive for funds for the Nantucket Cottage Hospital begins today and carries through August 6th. The thermometer on the Pacific Bank will show the cumulative daily totals and the 12 district captains assisted by over 100 solicitors swing into action. Some 2787 calls will be made during the next ten days.

1941

Hospital Drive Brings \$13,577.

Herman Gade, chairman of the committee conducting the Hospital Drive has sent the following note to President Frank Congdon of the Hospital:

"I take pleasure in handing you the enclosed check for \$13,577.07, the amount received from the 'House to House Call,' to keep our hospital free from debt and increase its efficiency."

President Congdon's reply was:

"Thank you for the check of \$13,577.07. In view of the conditions today, the response has been magnificent; it shows the public good will for the Hospital. To you as Chairman and to Mr. Lawrence Cummings, the Treasurer, to the captains of the districts and the many solicitors, to the advertisers and all who have helped, we extend our thanks."

Hospital Notes

The Hospital remains quiet with an average of about ten patients. Among the recent admissions are William O'Donnell, Mrs. Beatrice Killen, Mrs. Gwendolyn Ray, Miss Lila Hedges and Robert Coffin.

A reception and tea was held at the Nurses' Home of the Nantucket Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, in honor of Miss Frances P. West, the newly appointed Superintendent, and Miss Adeline Cravott, who is to retire this week from that position. The reception, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital, was attended by members of the Board of Trustees, of the Auxiliary, the Graduate Nurses' Association, several of the island doctors and their wives, and a large number of townspeople.

Miss West fits admirably into the picture of the Hospital. Usually, when one superintendent succeeds another in such an institution there is an inevitable awkward period, but not so here. Just as the Nantucket Hospital is fortunate in its governing boards, so is it fortunate in the choice of its superintendents. Miss Cravott retires with not only the esteem and best wishes of those who have served with her, but has the further compliment of having an official pronouncement from the trustees' records which reads: "Fortunate indeed will be the institution that secures her services." Miss West comes to Nantucket similarly recommended. A woman of middle age, she brings with her an enviable wealth of experience as well as a natural gift of personality.

A native of New Brunswick, Canada, but a citizen of this country for nearly twenty years, Miss West has had a wide experience as a Superintendent of hospitals which include Beterly, Mass., Charlotte-Hungerford, and Middletown, Ct., as well as serving as the Executive Assistant at the Massachusetts General Hospital for the past two years.

Hospital Drive For \$10,000 Opened Yesterday.

The annual drive for funds for the Nantucket Cottage Hospital opened yesterday, July 24, and carries through Tuesday, August 4th. The thermometer on the Pacific Bank will show the cumulative totals received through the efforts of the 12 captains and 100-odd solicitors.

District 5, Monument section—Miss Pauline Brown, captain; Miss Esther Johnson, Mrs. William Lindsay, Miss Jean Lindsay, Mrs. Henry Morgan, Miss Betty Jenney, John Cisco, Mrs. Barcus, Mrs. Lamont Post.

Changes on Hospital Teams.

Miss Brown's, No. 5: Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Mrs. Wall, Miss Fulton, Mrs. Alexander Lindsay.

The black-out crew reported at the Hospital on schedule and did their job in very workmanlike fashion.

Allen Backus, business manager of the Nantucket Hospital, is due to receive congratulations this Sunday, the occasion being the forty-second anniversary of his birth.

The annual meeting of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital Corporation was held Wednesday, July 1st, at the Hospital, with nineteen members present. Reports of the President, Superintendent and Treasurer for the fiscal year were read and accepted. The nominating committee presented names of nominees for election to the Board of Trustees, as follows: For 3 years, Mrs. Natalie B. Gates, Mrs. George W. Jones, Eugene M. Perry, Gardner W. Russell, J. Allen Backus, Harry M. Harps and Col. Benjamin H. Ticknor; for 2 years, Miss Pauline Brown; for 1 year, Richard V. Gray. All these were elected.

The nominating committee for 1942-43 is as follows: Rev. Claude Bond, chairman, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Mrs. E. W. Jenney, Col. Louis J. Praeger and Mrs. R. J. Porter.

The audit committee for 1942-43 is composed of the following: Frederick P. Hill, chairman, John J. Gardner and Walter Coffin.

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Hospital Notes

Over one hundred and twenty-five interested people visited the Nantucket Cottage Hospital on Tuesday afternoon, May 12. Upon entering the visitors were welcomed by Mrs. Laprade and Mrs. Worth and presented with a typewritten direction sheet, a plan of sightseeing that proved most convenient.

On the first floor Miss McMillan conducted the visitors to the wards—men's and women's—and to the children's charming room. The "Turn-over Room" was also shown and the Deeknatal identification system was demonstrated.

On the second floor Mrs. Hazel Barrett showed the private rooms, and in the Crosby Memorial, the rooms, diet kitchen and service rooms were all shown by Mrs. Marion Howes.

The visitors were then directed down the ramp to the Operating Room, where Mrs. Kirby demonstrated the marvels of the modern lighting unit for use during surgery, the various sutures and their particular purposes; types of surgical instruments; also the emergency room with the orthopedic equipment.

In the X-Ray Room a number of interesting films were displayed by Mrs. LeGrow, including a series of gall bladder films, foreign body in the abdomen, fractured ulna, and several others. The latest type of X-Ray machine and Basal Metabolism equipment were shown, providing a most revealing example of the excellent "working material" possessed by the Nantucket Hospital.

In the Laboratory, Miss Manuelian explained materials for pneumococcic sputum typing, the studies of blood samples under a microscope, and the method of analysis in regard to several urine specimens.

In the kitchen, the Dietitian, Mrs. Egan, had a number of trays displayed with explanatory cards. On one tray was a prescribed diabetic diet menu, the tray being set up for dinner. Two other trays showed a prescribed caloric diet daily, with a breakfast and supper tray service carried out. It was noticeable how the men visitors showed a keen interest in Mrs. Egan's demonstration.

Over seventy accepted a further invitation to tea in the Gray Memorial, a feature of the day in charge of Mrs. Clark Coffin and Mrs. Kenneth Blackshaw.

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The number of patients in the Hospital during the past week has been the highest in several months. Among these are Harry Dunham, John J. Murphy, Olaf Haines, Mrs. Olive Haradine, Mrs. Florence Foley, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, and Mrs. Mae McCleave.

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The staff has not been immune to the recent epidemic and Mrs. Noreen Shea, Miss Lucille Manuelian, Mrs. Dorothy Egan and Miss Helen A. Hull have been among those receiving Hospital care.

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The labor and expense involved in the preparation for the Hospital blackout bore fruit in the community test on Wednesday night and the trial is rated a complete success. The blackout crews responded faithfully to the signal, and worked smoothly and speedily.

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Another solicitor from an old Nantucket family finally decided to take the plunge this summer and offered her services as solicitor, but not without some misgivings. On the second day when she met her Captain, the latter was much impressed by her report and the number of calls she had made. After checking over the report she asked, "How do you like working on the Drive?" "Oh, just splendid," was the answer, "I have already met two or three brother stamp collectors and I came home with the nicest piece of blueberry cake for my supper last night."

P. S. The Drive Chairman has also written her asking for an appointment to discuss stamps when the Drive is over.

Hospital Workers to Get Unusual Recognition.

Chairman Gade announced today that Hospital Drive workers would get an unusual form of recognition for their work in the Drive this year.

1942

Hospital Drive Brings \$11,034.00.

Herman Gade, chairman of the current Hospital Campaign, has sent the following note to President Frank Congdon:

"I take great pleasure in informing you that \$11,034.00 has been received. I also anticipate further checks from friends of the Hospital who have been written, off island, which will further swell our total."

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Hospital Drive Chairman Thanks Many Contributors.

With over 40% more houses closed than last year, our total dropped only 20%. Considering, also, present-day conditions, and the many additional calls on our pocketbooks, the results were amazing and most gratifying.

May I take this opportunity to offer my sincere thanks personally and that of the 100 Drive workers for the kindness and courtesy shown them by the 1500-odd families visited. The consideration shown our workers, who gave so freely of their time, made their job a pleasant one.

To the few families who were not reached, my apologies; to all who gave, there should come a true satisfaction in knowing that our hospital has now enough additional finances to carry through another year.

Herman Gade.

The Hospital Drive went over the top again. There was quite a thrill on Main street, Tuesday, when Walter Finlay climbed the ladder and applied the red paint to the top of the thermometer in front of the Pacific Bank, showing that the drive was splashing over the top.

A Narrow Escape.

Allen Backus is real provoked—provoked with himself and no one else. He has landed his dory onto the Wauwinet beach hundreds of times, and is thoroughly skilled in all of the little "kinks" that make a good landing even when the weather becomes a bit rugged. He has been off after mackerel many, many times in the past, without incident other than an occasional wetting from either sea or elements, or both.

But on Monday the unexpected happened and that is what made Allen mad—not "hopping mad", as he might say under normal conditions, for he can no longer "hop". In fact, it will be many weeks before Allen hops again, for he is now a patient in the hospital with his leg in splints, held in one position day and night. But there is one recompense, however—there is a bevy of attractive nurses to wait upon him, to shake up his pillow and make him more comfortable as frequently as he feels the need of more comfort.

It all happened this way: Allen went off to gather in some mackerel, Monday morning. Conditions were not bad at the time, but the weather changed a bit and when he started back for shore it was just a little bit "smokey." But Allen did not mind that. He had made shore many times in the past when it was far more rugged. Yet this time, something happened. He thought he picked the right sea to ride ashore on, but he miscalculated and before he could jump and pull the dory onto the beach, another sea struck the boat, knocked him down with the dory thrown onto him. The impact broke his leg in two places, but Backus managed to crawl out from the overturned boat and made his way up through the "wash" to safety. But it was a narrow escape for a man with a shattered leg.

Crawling up as far onto the beach as he could and suffering severely, he called loudly for assistance, but there was no one in the vicinity and it was a long time before his voice was heard. When aid finally reached him, he was brought to town as soon as possible and taken to the hospital for surgical attention.

At this writing, Allen is resting comfortably—as comfortably as a man could rest under the conditions—but he naturally is chagrined to think that a man brought up at Wauwinet, used to the water, skilled in landing dories through the surf, should "cut up a caper like that."

Allen Backus, who suffered a compound fracture of his leg last November, when attempting to make a landing in his dory on the beach at Wauwinet, is now able to get out on crutches after a winter of close confinement. The Town Treasurer has been able to carry along the duties of his office, however, in spite of the handicap resulting from the accident.

House to House Call For Our Hospital

FROM SATURDAY, JULY 24,
THROUGH WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 1943

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The Hospital, and the community as well will miss the kind offices of Dr. Cassaday, who joined the Navy on March 19, and of Dr. Collins, who left for the Army camp at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, on April 6.

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Admissions at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital for the week ended April 6 included: June Swift, Priscilla Cook, Mrs. Frances Murray, and Mrs. Clara McGrady and daughter (Patricia Ann—born April 4.)

Admissions at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital for the week ended April 27 included: Miss Elizabeth Coffin Fitzgerald, Mrs. Lillian Stetson, Mrs. Ella Warnell, Miss Helen Garnett, John Walsh, and Mrs. Doris Esau.

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Mrs. Grace M. Lee, Nursing Field Consultant of the American Red Cross, visited the Volunteer Nurse's Aide Course being conducted by Mrs. Rozelle Jones in Crosby Memorial building at the Hospital on Monday, April 19, and subsequently met with members of the Hospital staff and of the Nurse's Aide and the Home Nursing Committees for a very interesting and instructive discussion. Mrs. Lee said that the equipment for the Nurse's Aide course was excellent and adequate, and that she was extremely gratified with the progress being made.

Nantucket Appreciates Hospital. Hospital Thanks Nantucket.

Money has been literally pouring in to the Hospital Drive Headquarters in the Pacific Club. It comes popping out of the envelopes almost faster than Treasurer Gray can enter it in his ledger. Everyone has given: the loyal supporters who contribute year after year, the transients wanting to show their enthusiasm, and even Priscilla, the wax lady on the bridge outside the Treasure Chest in 'Sconset.

The Drive is officially ended and the thermometer on the Pacific Bank has stopped at \$12,200.00; but cash is still coming in from absentees and people who, in some incredible way, were over-looked by the solicitors. It seems certain that our Hospital will once again be able to function smoothly and all sigh in relief. The job is done and everybody is happily thanking everybody else.

N. B. G.



Friends of Mrs. Helen E. Appleton will be glad to know that she is slowly recovering from a serious illness at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

Admissions at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital for the week ended November 23 included Wilson Cash and Archie Cartwright.

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Lieut. Paul B. Cassaday, of Nantucket, who has been stationed in Florida since joining the Navy, has been sent to the South Pacific, according to advices received here this week. Dr. Cassaday is a Nantucket registrant and enlisted in the Naval Reserves, February 26, 1943.

Miss Frances P. West tendered her resignation as Superintendent of the Hospital and left for Boston on February 9. The Board of Trustees at a meeting held in February 11 and attended by President Frank E. Congdon, James Allen Backus, Mrs. Kenneth D. Blackshaw, Dr. Joseph W. Cochran, John Allen Davis, Richard V. Gray, Miss Grace M. Henry, Mrs. George W. Jones, William M. Mather, Eugene M. Perry, and Secretary Marie M. Coffin, after accepting Miss West's resignation, appointed Miss Ethel Anderson as Acting Superintendent of Nursing and Mrs. Elizabeth B. Worth as Acting Office Administrator, to serve in these capacities until a permanent Superintendent for the Hospital can be obtained.

The many friends of Miss Grace Henry will be rejoiced to learn that she is making an excellent recovery from her recent critical illness.

The new superintendent, Miss Dorcas P. Clark, R. N., is expected to arrive on May 8th. Miss Clark is a graduate of the New England Baptist Hospital, Boston, and served there as Night Supervisor for 5 months and as Assistant Superintendent from 1930 to 1932. She has also served as Superintendent of Community Memorial Hospital, Ayer, Mass., 1932-1942, and Superintendent of Nurses, Norwood Hospital, Norwood, Mass., Sept. 1942, to Dec. 1943.

Hospital Notes

In connection with the launching of the annual Hospital Drive, which gets under way today (Saturday) the Hospital will be open to the general public from three until five o'clock this afternoon. Conducted tours will be made throughout the Hospital with as many of its facilities shown as is possible at the time and tea will be served. It is requested that visitors to the Hospital come early in order that any confusion resulting from a conflict with the supper hour at five o'clock may be avoided.

The "open house" held at the Hospital on Saturday afternoon last, in connection with the launching of the annual Drive, was attended by over two hundred people who were most impressed with our Hospital. The guests were conducted through the Hospital by members of the Board of Trustees and expressed great appreciation of our facilities and the home-like atmosphere which prevails. Members of the Graduate Nurse's Association assisted the regular staff in explaining the functions of the Hospital. The Women's Auxiliary, under the direction of Mrs. George D. Richmond, served tea in the dining room of the Nurses' Home and the patio.

To Nantucket—In Appreciation.

Have you ever tried to write a thank-you letter to a whole island? It is hard enough just to write to relatives how wonderful their Christmas presents were, but the feeling of inadequacy engulfs you when it comes to thanking people by the thousands. The Nantucket Cottage Hospital has succeeded in its 1944 drive for funds—thanks to each and all of you; to those who gave; to the many who were able to clinch victory for us by exceeding the amount of former contributions; to the solicitors who donated not only money but precious hours of their vacations; to the ever-generous publishers; to the Masons; to everyone from President Congdon to the tripper who wondered why the dickens all those arrows pointed to the hospital, but who, once he got the idea, was happy to chip in fifty cents.

Admissions at the Hospital during the past week have included Mrs. Lena Murphy, Mrs. Mary L. Brown, Mrs. Ellen Polite, and Henry Fee, Jr.

Gifts this past week have included books and games from Master Rodney Shultz, magazines and medical supplies from Mrs. L. C. Wheeler, food and magazines from Francis W. Davis, and magazines from Mrs. John Wadleigh, Mrs. Harry Carey, Mrs. Robert D. Elder, and Miss Grace Brown Gardner.

Admissions at Hospital this week have included Mrs. Jeremiah Towhill, Miss May H. Congdon, Arline Smith, and Edwin Nickerson.

Shooting Accident.

Sidney-Conway, 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Conway, was the victim of a shooting accident at the opening of the deer-hunting season. He received a charge of shot in his knee early Monday morning, and was rushed to the hospital. It was found that the shot had chipped his kneecap and then gone through into the fleshy part of his leg. An operation was found necessary in order to locate the bullet. The boy is in a satisfactory condition at present, but just what extent the injury will have on future use of the leg only time will tell.

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Admissions during the past week have included Mrs. Thomas F. Gibson, Mrs. Lorin Walker, Misses Sarah Block, Grace Lowell, and Millicent Norcross, and Reuben G. Coffin.

Among the patients admitted during the past week were Mrs. Susan Macy, Mrs. Andrew Duffy, Mrs. Annie Bowen, Mrs. Alice Mendes, Mrs. Royal Appleton, Miss Ann Haddon, John Rodriguez, and Roland M. Coffin.

The "Open House", held at the Hospital Saturday afternoon, was very successful, with over two hundred and fifty visitors. At three-thirty p. m. the flag and pole, joint gifts from the Graduate Nurses' Asso. and Mrs. F. Fischer Meyer, were dedicated. Mrs. Charles Stackpole, president of the Nurses' Association, presented the flag and a contribution toward the purchase of the pole, in memory of those of our Doctors and Nurses who have served, and are serving, in the armed forces, with a fervent prayer that they may soon return to their homes and our Hospital. Mrs. Meyer expressed her pleasure in joining the Nurses group in the presentation of the flag pole.

Among those admitted to the Hospital this week are Miss Isabel Grant, Miss Marguerite Walrath, Mrs. Susie Lewis, Roger McBride, and Master Earl R. Lehderr, Jr.

"Open Houses" Brought Total of \$2,397.00 to Hospital Fund.

The Thrift Shop Committee on the opening of old and interesting Nantucket houses for the benefit of the Nantucket Hospital, is justly proud of the record it has established this year in raising money. The Chairman, Charles S. Todd, announces that the July and August openings brought a total of \$2,397.00—a remarkable showing for the two-day events. The generosity of the owners of the individual houses made this success possible, and the co-operation of all members of Mr. Todd's committee was most gratifying throughout.

Annual Hospital Drive Headed By Herman Gade

At a recent meeting of the Board of Trustees Herman Gade was appointed Chairman of the Drive Committee for the annual house-to-house canvass beginning Friday, July 27th, and continuing thru Monday, August 6th. Mr. Gade has been actively associated with the Drive for many years, first as a solicitor, then as a Captain, and in 1941 and 1942, as Drive Chairman.

Hospital Drive Goes Over The Top.

Chairman Gade in his report to President Walls advised that while the Drive had started very slowly, in the final stages the objective had been reached and substantially exceeded.

In response to many inquiries concerning the present personnel of the Hospital, we are glad to print the following information. Not everyone listed below is working full time at the hospital, as there are several who work only four or six hours at a time, instead of the customary eight. The present personnel of the hospital includes:

Superintendent—Dorcas P. Clark, R. N., M A C H A.

Ass't Sup't, X-ray and Laboratory Technician—Ethel Anderson, R. N., R. T.

Operating Room Supervisor—Lucy W. Blades, R. N.

Operating Room Assistant—Avis Miller, R. N.

Dietitian—Avis Neal, A. D. D.

Ass't Laboratory Technician—Ann Haddon.

Orderly—Jack Driscoll.

Nursing Staff—Helen Caton, R. N.; Marguerite Barnard, R. N.; Frances Thomas, R. N.; Cecelia Huyser, R. N.; Irene Chase, R. N.; Margaret Roberts, R. N.; Edna Coffin, Marjorie Garnett, Freda Anderson, Florence Francis, Catherine Pineo, Virginia Wilkes, and Althea Hull.

Bookkeeper and Record Librarian—Elziabeth Worth.

Clerk—Elizabeth Nelson.

Red Cross Volunteer Nurses' Aides—Mrs. Mitchell Todd, Mrs. Charles Jewett, Jr.

Cook—Anna Gardner.

Maids—Hazel Thomas, Noreen Shea, Yvonne Duce, Bridie Mullowney, Violet Dunham and Theresa Davis.

Hospital Notes.

We are happy to welcome Miss Evelyn W. Keith, Dietitian, to the Staff of the Hospital. Miss Keith is a graduate of the Massachusetts State Teachers College at Framingham with the degree of Bachelor of Science. She assumed her duties at the Hospital on the first of the month.

Miss Florence Stewart, B. S., R. N., the new superintendent of the Hospital, is a graduate of the University of Chicago and of the Nurses' Training School, Cook County, Ill.

Nantucket Cottage Hospital To Hold Open House Apr. 21

The Nantucket Cottage Hospital will be open to the public on the afternoon and evening of April 21. Members of the hospital Auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Ernest H. Menges, will be in charge. Refreshments and tea will be served from 2 to 4 in the afternoon and coffee in the evening from 7 to 9.

The open house will offer an opportunity for Islanders to tour the hospital and view the new kitchen as well as new equipment.

Members of the Auxiliary who met Monday for sewing were: Mrs. Thaddeus Zazulinski, Mrs. William H. Barney, Mrs. H. L. Davenport, Mrs. G. E. Hutaff, Miss Isabel Wilder, Miss Edna Cram, Mrs. Herrick Gooch, Mrs. Earl Lowell, Mrs. Frank W. Ramsdell, Miss Ada Shepard, Mrs. Hugh K. MacDougall, Miss Rita Robinson and Mrs. Anne W. Kimball. Mrs. Jack Grout furnished refreshments for the group.

The next meeting will be April 12.

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Patients at the Nantucket Cottage Hospital this week have included Mrs. James Allen and son, Mrs. William C. Brock, Mrs. Donald Burton and daughter, Louis J. Clark, Mrs. Kenneth Eldridge, Mrs. James Gardner, Mrs. Whittmore Gardner, Miss Esther Gibbs, Miss Elizabeth Grout, Mrs. John Holmes and daughter, Mrs. Rhoda Stetson, Mrs. Lendall Warriner and daughter, Miss Beverly Stuart, Miss Nancy Tuttle, and Augustus Lake.

July 16, 1949

Patients at The Hospital.

Patients in the hospital this week include Mrs. Josiah Barrett, Mrs. Charles Brockway, Mrs. Lulu Rex Crawford, Mrs. Mary Ditmars, Mrs. Rhoda Gardner, Mrs. Harry Gordon, Miss Patricia Leitch, Mrs. George P. Oswald, Mrs. Christy Psaradelis, Louis J. Clark, Manuel Correia, William Fury, Augustus Lake, Walter Robinson, George Shannon, Jr.

Aug. 6, 1949

This week Edouard A. Stackpole spoke about achievements of the Nantucket whalers in the Pacific, under the title "Islands of the Pacific". He told of the part played by Nantucketers in the history, discovery and naming of some of the islands so vitally important in the present war in the Pacific.



Hospital Thrift Shop

It was moving day for the Thrift Shop last Saturday and the procedure showed what a mass of material had accumulated in the Sanford House property while the shop has been quartered there. It was a grand opportunity for the management to clean house before transferring to the new quarters on Union street.

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A contribution of \$1,500 has been received from the Hospital Thrift Shop, which again for the twelfth consecutive season has demonstrated its inestimable value to the community as a clearing house to which surplus furnishings, books, clothing, and other household and personal things to be found in many homes can be sent and sold for the benefit of the Nantucket Cottage Hospital.

The Thrift Shop also serves as an exchange where fancy work, antiques, and home-cooked foods prepared by experts from famous Nantucket recipes are sold on commission, the returns from which are included in the annual contribution. During the past season, sales of these articles netted local consigners nearly \$1,000. A third activity of the Thrift Shop, and one of its most valued prerogatives, consists of arranging for paid admissions to interesting Nantucket houses, which are "opened" to the public on designated days during the summer season. The sum of \$350 was realized in this way last summer.

The Thrift Shop was organized in 1930 and started its first season in what was formerly St. Paul's Parish House, 12 Liberty Street, one of the historic old houses of the town. It continued in this location during the seasons of 1932 and 1933. In 1934, it occupied the Josiah Macy house on Federal street at the site of the present Post Office building, but in 1935 it was moved to the Sanford House at 17 Federal street, where it operated until this year, when it was transferred to the Andrew Myrick house at 8 Union street.

During the season, which lasts from the middle of June to the middle of September, the Shop is open daily under the capable management of Mrs. C. W. Austin, who has held this position since the first year of operation, and who is assisted by a corps of devoted and capable women—about ten for each day of the week—who contribute generously of their time and effort.

The Executive Committee in charge consists at present of Mrs. Everett Jerome, chairman, Miss Edna Frances May, treasurer, Mrs. C. W. Austin, manager, Mrs. Frank C. Baldwin, Mrs. Charles Congdon, Mrs. Everett U. Crosby, Mrs. Robert Elder, Mrs. Charles R. Pancoast, Mrs. Albert B. Pitman, Mrs. Hugh Sanford, Mrs. R. C. Small, and Mrs. O. D. Wescott.

To date, the Thrift Shop has contributed a total of \$29,295 to the Hospital. In addition to providing funds badly needed for operating expenses, these generous donations have resulted in many improvements in the Hospital buildings and equipment.

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The "bundle tea" for the benefit of the Thrift Shop will be held at the home of Mrs. Robert Stark, 90 Main street, on Friday, June 18, from 3.30 to 5.30 p. m. To gain admission it will be necessary to donate a bundle containing a useful article that can be sold by the Thrift Shop, but everyone who will meet this requirement is cordially invited to attend.

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Bundle Tea.

The Bundle Tea given on Friday, June 18, was arranged by the Women's Auxiliary of the Hospital. This organization with Mrs. George Richmond as president and a corps of able women have done good work all winter, and this affair came as a fitting climax.

A station wagon, proud in gay bunting and stationed in front of the home of Lieut. and Mrs. Stark, acted as a magnet and drew people from all quarters of the town and was quickly filled with precious bundles.

Guests were welcomed to this fine old house by their host and hostess who gave everyone a feeling of graciousness and hospitality; the house and garden were open, choice arrangements of flowers through the spacious rooms, and tea and coffee were served in the dining room by Mrs. Louis J. Praeger, Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Mrs. Herbert E. Davis and Mrs. Everett Jerome with Miss Jane Tomlinson and her group of attractive waitresses.

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The Hospital Thrift Shop in the Myrick house at 6 Union street is having its thirteenth successful year. Never has it had more customers. The stock of clothes, books, bric-a-brac, china, and even antiques in the nine big square rooms is being quickly sold. The directors of the shop hope that books, old clothes, worn out furniture, "white elephants", and odds and ends will be donated to the shop this month. Mrs. Frank Baldwin and seven efficient assistants are responsible for the shop. Mrs. C. W. Austin is in charge and sixty volunteers tend shop during the week. The hours are 9:30-12:30 and 2-5.

The profit made by the shop during the summer always goes to the Hospital in the form of one very necessary and expensive piece of apparatus or furnishing, or even an addition or improvement to one of the buildings.

The Thrift Shop.

The Hospital is again greatly indebted to the Thrift Shop for a generous gift—the result of an unusually successful season. A check for \$3,000 has been sent to the Trustees with the request that it be used for the much-needed insulation of the buildings. The stipulation is so far-sighted and so helpful in further equipping the plant that all Nantucket will join the hospital in extending most grateful thanks to the workers who made it possible.

It is interesting to report the statistics for the months of operation. Total sales at the shop were \$4,563.59, and opening of the old houses netted \$1,194.98. Thirty consignors were paid \$1,383.94, which, with the running expenses and the Hospital gift, accounts for the proceeds.

Each week there are about forty volunteers who, with the manager, carry on this highly worthwhile institution. Due to the very active season, the stock is exhausted, and supplies to replenish are badly needed. It will be appreciated if anyone having articles to contribute will, as soon as possible, notify Mrs. C. Warren Austin, 48 Orange street, Telephone 326.

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The Annual Bundle Tea, sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary, for the benefit of the Thrift Shop was held Thursday afternoon from three to five at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett U. Crosby on Orange street. In spite of cloudy skies, a goodly number of interested people took advantage of the opportunity to visit the Crosbys' beautiful residence and at the same time, to donate a "bundle" for the Thrift Shop. Mrs. Crosby herself graciously showed the guests around her home which contains many lovely antiques and ship models. The house was decorated with early summer flowers and made a pleasant background for the afternoon's activities.

Mrs. George B. Yerkes and Mrs. Church Matthews received the gifts of "bundles" from the guests as they arrived and placed them in a car outside the house for transportation to the Thrift Shop. Their assistants were the Misses Rosalind Gethro and Connie Smith.

During the afternoon Mrs. H. L. Davenport, Mrs. F. Fischer Meyer, Mrs. James Burtenshaw, and Miss Edna May officiated in the dining room.

Mrs. George D. Richmond, president of the Women's Auxiliary, was the hostess and, with Mrs. O. D. Wescott, who had charge of the Bundle Tea, received the guests at the door. Miss Pauline Brown was in charge of making the arrangements for the tea. Mrs. Wescott's daughter, Miss Jane Tomlinson, had charge of the waitresses, who were the Misses Mary Chapel, Theresa Paradis, Florence Ingall, and Jane Wolf.

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For Miss Ellen Thomas, of Nantucket, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Patricio, of Nantucket, the historic old house on Union Street known as "The Myrick House." This property has been used for the past three years by the Hospital Thrift Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Patricio are renovating the property and will open next summer for lodgings.

Jan. 1945

The annual Bundle Tea for the benefit of the Hospital Thrift Shop was held last Friday afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Miller on Orange street. Mrs. O. D. Wescott was chairman, Mrs. George A. Folger in charge of the "bundles", Mmes. James H. Burbenshaw, Everett Jerome, H. L. Davenport, and Miss Edna May poured. Among those assisting were Miss Ruth Chapel, Mrs. Pauline Porter Maloney, Mrs. Maxwell Deacon, Mrs. Claude Bond, and Mrs. Ernest H. Menges. Many donations for the Thrift Shop shelves were received, while the guests enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. Miller and her charming home.

1945

OLD PEOPLE'S HOME



Open House Well Attended.

The birthday anniversary of the Old People's Home, which occurred on Wednesday last, was celebrated and enjoyed by the interested group which attended and offered a pleasant diversion for the residents of the Home.

Its bright and attractive corridor on the second floor, which was added last year, came in for much commendation. Mrs. Maxwell Deacon and Mrs. Kenneth N. Pease served the refreshments.

Open House.

Following its usual custom the Old People's Home will celebrate its birthday anniversary by holding an "open house" afternoon on Thursday, July 16th.

Each year an opportunity is offered to its large group of friends, and others who choose to visit and inspect the Home, to meet its residents and view its surroundings.

Here's Another!

Ridiculous rumors still persist in circulation in the large cities, and

Autographs in Review.

Even as this "review" was in progress came *The Inquirer and Mirror* for March 27th, announcing the passing of one more dear friend whose name adorns this Album:

"Phebe W. Tracy,
Jan. 2, 1879."

This good woman was my teacher in the old Academy Hill School at that time. No words of mine can add to the reverence with which her name is spoken. Not long ago I spent an hour with her in the Main street home where she seemed so happy. My little Album will soon be well filled with black-bordered pages. But what a memory!

This review was intended to be more amusing than otherwise. The paper coming as it did with its message of another death in the circle of friends whose names are found in the book, has interrupted my train of thought for the moment. If any are interested, we can go on with the review at another time. In closing, let me repeat what "Ethel" wrote on page 7: "Remember me when this you see."

Reminiscently yours,

Alliston Greene.

Worcester, Mass.

April 1, 1943.

Annual Meeting of Old People's Home Association.

The annual meeting of the Old People's Home Association of Nantucket was held at the home of Mrs. O. D. Wescott on Monday afternoon, August 16, President Mrs. George A. Folger in the chair.

Red Cross Notes

In our corner windows we have had a display of baby garments. These were all designed and made by Miss Minnie Townsend, and feather-stitched by Mrs. May Swain. They are beautifully made, and we are so happy to have them for our next shipment which is being packed today.

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We are also now showing a lovely little blue and white dress. This, too, was made by Miss Townsend, and very cleverly from small scraps. She has completed two more like it, and has five more cut out. She has also many more children's garments in prospect.

Miss Townsend's clever fingers are adding materially to our shipments. The need for this clothing continues, and it gives us great satisfaction to send such attractive articles.

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The President reported as follows:

This ends a year of several changes in the Board of Directors. The passing of Mrs. Phoebe Coffin Small is deeply felt, as she was untiring in her devotion to the Home, serving on the executive, financial and admittance committees since its founding.

Rev. Claude Bond resigned to serve as chaplain in the Armed Forces of our country.

Miss Charlotte W. Ham, who served as secretary a number of years, resigned, owing to her absence from the Island in the winter.

At the January quarterly meeting, Mrs. Deacon, chairman of the house committee, reported that Miss Lydia Freeborn's services had been engaged to assist Mrs. Lewis, the matron.

On January 24, Mrs. Mary Lewis died at the Home.

On February 24, Mrs. Hussey died, and on March 22, Miss Phoebe Tracy passed away. Both had been residents of the Home since it was first opened.

One of the great benefits and joys to the members of the Home is the Victory Garden planted and cared for by Rev. and Mrs. Farr and family.

Mrs. Willard Hardy was appointed the new member of the admitting committee. Miss Emily B. Robinson, chairman of that committee, reported the following admitted: Mrs. Annie K. Starbuck, on May 14, 1943; Miss Emma Fraser, on May 28, 1943.

DIED.

In this town, November 11, Mrs. Annie E. Starbuck, widow of Charles F. Starbuck, aged 90 years, 7 mos., 11 days.

President's Report—Old People's Home of Nantucket.

During the year 1943-1944, five guests have been cared for in the Home. Mrs. Annie K. Starbuck, who entered the Home in May, passed away in November. Miss Emily Kent entered the Home on November 1st.

As may be noted from the Treasurer's report, Mrs. Starbuck's house on School Street was sold to Mr. Everett U. Crosby. The Home received the generous gift of \$5,000 from the estate of Mrs. Henry Lang and \$1,000 from the estate of Miss Anna Lang. The \$5,000 from Mrs. Lang was used to buy a United States Government Bond.

In this town, August 16, Susie A. Lewis, aged 89 years, 2 months, 25 days.

Annual Meeting of Old People's Home Association.

At the annual meeting of the Old People's Home Association, the following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. George A. Folger.
Vice Presidents—Dr. William E. Gardner, Mrs. Joshua B. Ashley 3rd.
Secretary—Mrs. Kenneth N. Pease.
Treasurer—Alcon Chadwick.

Executive Committee—Mrs. George A. Folger, Mrs. Kenneth N. Pease, Miss Emily B. Robinson, Dr. William E. Gardner.

Board of Directors—Mrs. Charles W. Austin, Miss Emma Cook, Mrs. Maxwell Deacon, Mrs. Harrison B. Freeman, Mrs. Oliver D. Wescott, Mrs. Charles H. Wetzel, Mrs. Joshua B. Ashley, 3rd, Mrs. Roy H. Gilpatrick, Mrs. Willard P. Hardy, Mrs. Samuel Snelling, Dr. William E. Gardner, Miss Emily B. Robinson, Miss Josephine Congdon, Mrs. Edward H. Perry, Rev. Willard L. McKinstry, Mrs. Harry Gordon Jr., Mrs. George Yerkes, Miss Ethel Anderson, Mrs. George L. Smith, Gilbert Manter.

The President, Mrs. Katharine Folger, presented her annual report, as follows:

July 16th, marked the fifteenth anniversary of the Home, and the birthday party was well attended.

On Donation Day, November 9th, many useful gifts of canned goods, fruit and table-linen were received. The gift of a beautiful rug from Mrs. Freeman greatly enhances the living room. Mrs. Wetzel gave the Home a most comfortable rocking chair. The generosity of all our friends is greatly appreciated.

In January a \$547.00 bequest was received from the Albert G. Brock Estate. Also \$500 from Estate of Phebe C. Small.

On April 1st Mrs. Susie A. Lewis, who had been our efficient matron for the past twelve years, resigned to become a guest in the Home. Mrs. Lewis served the Home untiringly and it is with deep regret that she became ill and passed away so shortly after relinquishing her duties.

Mrs. Lillie R. Thomas, who has been cook at the Home since it first opened its doors, also resigned to be a guest in the Home.

Miss Lydia Freeborn, with the help of Mrs. Blake, took the management until a new matron could be secured.

On April 19th, we were fortunate in obtaining Miss Constance Norby, who came to us with practical experience, which makes us feel that the welfare of our Home is in very capable hands.

The passing of Miss Emma Fraser, our Vice-President, was a great loss to everyone connected with our Association. It was through her foresight in knowing the need of an Old People's Home on Nantucket, that our Home was established. As Vice-President she went to Boston, to the State House, with the late Karl Adams, to obtain our charter.

She not only gave her help in this way, but when the matron was sick or on vacation, would carry on for her. When Miss Fraser served on the building committee, it was her suggestion that a sun-room be constructed on the second floor. Later, when she became a guest, her thoughts and advice were most helpful. She is greatly missed.

At the quarterly meeting on July 9th the resignation of Frank W. Ramsdell as Treasurer of the Association was received with sincere regret. Mr. Ramsdell has served as treasurer for the last nineteen years in the most exemplary manner.

As you see from the treasurer's report, our expenditures exceed our income; therefore I make our annual plea for gifts and contributions to aid us in maintaining this comfortable Home for elderly persons. A simple and practical way is to become a sustaining member of our Association, paying \$5. a year.

Donation Day.

Donation Day at the Old People's Home is a long established event. It is an opportunity for friends and people interested in the Home to show their interest. For years it has been arranged for a few weeks before Thanksgiving, because donations have been so appropriate at that time. Suggestions for donations are provisions of all kinds, especially canned goods, linens and money. In the past there have been many checks from our off-island friends and they have been placed for the articles needed which were not provided for at Donation Day.

Mrs. O. D. Wescott.

A Linen Shower.

The President of the Old People's Home Association, Mrs. Oliver D. Wescott, announces a "linen shower" at the Home on Main street, on St. Valentine's Day, Friday, February 14.

The Home is full and has a "waiting list," and the House Committee is in difficulty because of the need of all kinds of linen. This committee, made up of Mrs. Willard Hardy, Mrs. J. B. Ashley, 3d, Mrs. Harry Gordon, and Mrs. Edward H. Perry, is calling on all interested in the Home to come to their aid.

Napkins, turkish towels (all sizes), sheets (72 by 108 most needed), pillow cases, small size mattress pads and wash clothes are the items most needed.

Tea will be served from 3 to 5 on the afternoon of Valentine's Day by Mrs. Nellie M. Lamb, the matron of the Home, assisted by the ladies of the family.

All friends of the Home are invited. Those who can not bring one or more pieces of linen are asked to give the money for some of the above items.

The President, Mrs. O. D. Wescott, presented her annual report as follows:

The year 1947 has been a very comfortable year for the residents of the Home. Although illness of the residents has been difficult for the staff, there have been no hospitalizations.

The staff comprises: Mrs. Nell Lamb, Matron; Mrs. Sadie Brown, Assistant Matron; Mrs. Ida Blakes, Manager.

Two paying residents, Miss Julia Farrington and Mrs. Clifford Folger, were admitted in the home this winter, due to room vacancies.

Donation Day was held as usual in November. Many donations were received as well as gifts of money. The Christmas party was held as during the past two years. Quiet and very attractive for the age of the ladies in the Home.

Through the estate of Emily Robinson, who was a charter member of the Board, the Treasurer was able to invest \$20,000 received stocks already owned by the estate. The silver of the estate was divided with the Old People's Home and the family.

Mrs. Willard Hardy, chairman of the House Committee, has been very active. Shur-stop fire extinguishers have been adequately distributed over the house.

A new gas range for the kitchen and a fluorescent light in the kitchen were very satisfactory. The living room has been painted and redecorated on the advice of the House Committee. The exterior has been entirely repainted, which hasn't been done since the home was in existence.

An attractive circular, with pictures by Miss Ruth Sutton of the exterior and a resident's room, has been issued for publicity and to increase the raising of funds. This circular is to be sent to all members and a special mailing list.

Mrs. Inez Simpson entered the Home as a permanent resident in April.

For refreshing information regarding admissions, Article X in the By-Laws reads as follows: "Admission: The terms and conditions for admission on temporary or permanent basis to the Old People's Home in Nantucket shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Directors, who shall, from time to time, as occasion arises, make and amend rules governing admission."

You see from the Treasurer's report our expenditures exceed our income. Therefore, I make our annual appeal verbally for gifts. A practical way to give is to become a sustaining member of our Association, paying \$5.00 a year.

WILL YOU ...

*Include the Nantucket Old People's Home
in your annual list of contributions?*



Sketched from life

Join The Old People's Home Association?

Life membership	\$25 or over
Sustaining membership	\$5 annually
Annual membership	\$1

*Consider remembering the
Home in your will?*

*Our endowment is our most
important source of support*

Purpose of the Nantucket Old People's Home;

The home is maintained to provide a congenial home for elderly persons of Nantucket, where those who so desire may find companionship and attention to their needs, of whatever kind. A minimum of rules and regulations, and a maximum of home-like comfort, together with capable care, make for a pleasant atmosphere.

How It Is Operated:

The home admits, at the discretion of an admissions committee, those resident on the island for at least ten years. A full-time matron, nurse and cook are in attendance. Residents pay an initial fee, according to their circumstances, and their care thereafter is assured. Medical and funeral expenses are taken care of by the home. Nantucket doctors are generous in contributing services.

COMPANIONSHIP CARE CONTENTMENT



THE OLD PEOPLE'S HOME OF NANTUCKET

115 Main Street

(founded 1918)

Provides a home for elderly persons of
Nantucket who, from choice or necessity,
seek a safe harbor "after seventy."

How It Is Supported:

A private institution, started by interested friends and residents of Nantucket in 1918, the home since 1928 has occupied an attractive Main street residence. Operating expenses are met through memberships in the "Old People's Home Association" and by annual contributions, together with funds from an endowment, which has been made up largely through bequests from friends. Today, increasing costs of operation have made it necessary to draw on capital funds. More annual gifts and endowment are badly needed.

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Officers of the
Nantucket Old People's Home Association

President—Mrs. O. D. Wescott.

1st Vice President—William E. Gardner.

2nd Vice President—Mrs. J. B. Ashley.

Secretary—Mrs. Kenneth N. Pease.

Treasurer—Alcon Chadwick.

Directors—Mrs. Charles Austin, William C. Brock, Mrs. William Barney, Rev. Claude Bond, Miss Josephine Congdon, Mrs. George Folger, Mrs. Maxwell Deacon, Mrs. Harry Gordon, Jr., Mrs. Harrison Freeman, Mrs. Roy H. Gilpatrick, Mrs. Willard Hardy, Mrs. Edward Perry, Gilbert Manter, Rev. Willard McKinstry, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. George Yerkes.

Executive Committee—Mrs. O. D. Wescott, Dr. William E. Gardner, Alcon Chadwick, Mrs. Kenneth N. Pease, Mrs. Edward H. Perry.

Make checks payable to the Old People's Home Association and mail to Alcon Chadwick, Treasurer, Nantucket, Mass.

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Donation Day Next Wednesday
For Old People's Home.

Donation Day at the Old People's Home has become a yearly custom. Many people in Nantucket, also non-residents, have shown much interest in the Home by their gifts of provisions, canned goods, linens, money and often checks. Donations to the Home are always gratefully received, but at Thanksgiving time become tokens of good will and cheer.

This year Donation Day has been set for Wednesday, November 10th. It gives an opportunity to visit the Home, meet friends, and spend a pleasant afternoon with the residents. Tea will be served as usual by the house committee.

If you have a donation, large or small, and are unable to bring it to the Home, please notify Miss Ethel Anderson who will be glad to call for it.

Nov. 6, 1948

Oldest Resident Dies.

Mrs. Helen E. Appleton, the oldest resident of Nantucket, passed away at the Old People's Home, 115 Main Street, on Thursday, February 26. Mrs. Appleton, who was the widow of the late Robert K. Appleton, was born in Nantucket on April 11, 1857.

Funeral services will be held at the Home at 2:30 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

Feb. 28, 1953

Mrs. Helen E. Appleton

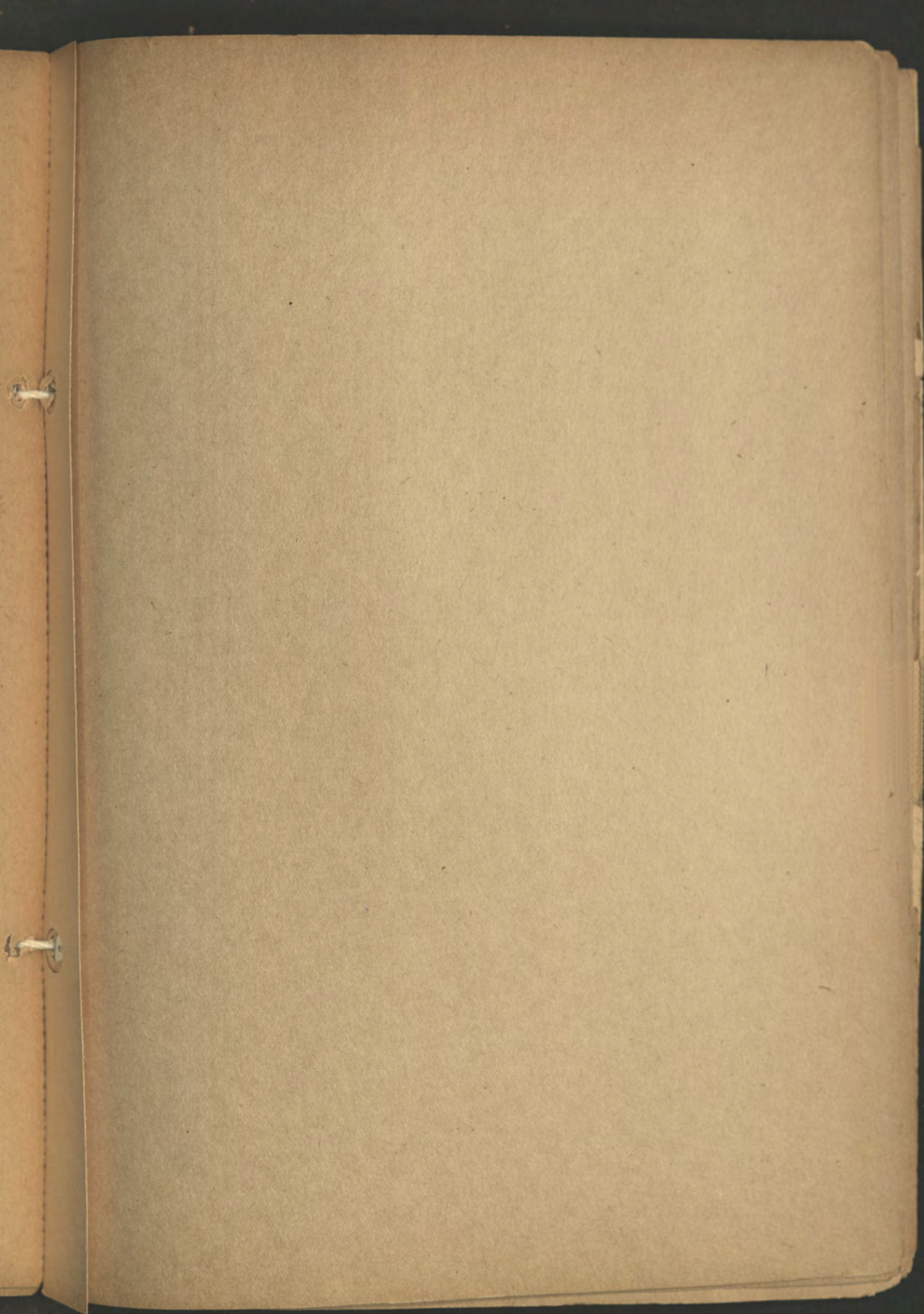
Mrs. Helen E. Appleton, widow of Robert K. Appleton, died yesterday at the Old People's Home where she had resided for the past five years. She was 95 and had been ill for the past four months.

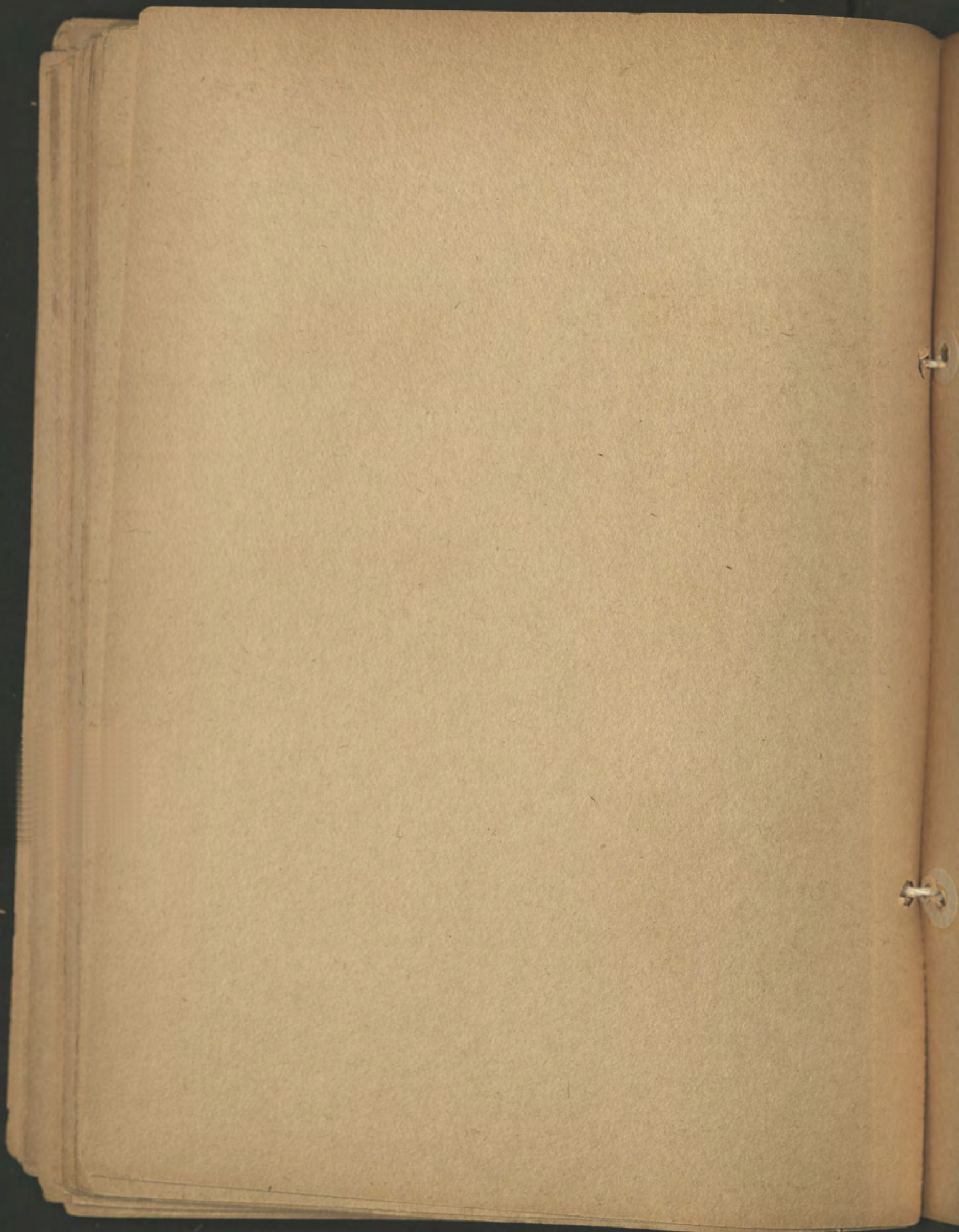
Born on Nantucket, she was the daughter of Mary G. (Ellis) and George F. Folger, former keeper at Sankaty Light. Mrs. Appleton was a member of the Island Rebekah Lodge and was its second recording secretary. She also served the Lodge as treasurer at one time.

Survivors include grand nieces and a grand nephew.

Services will be conducted by the Rev. Paul H. Drake at 2:30 p. m. tomorrow at the Old People's Home. Burial will be in Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Feb. 27, 1953





NANTUCKET NEIGHBORS

Neighbors Night Program Thoroughly Enjoyed.

A delighted audience, which filled the Baptist Church on Tuesday's Neighbors Night, forgot present-day problems and worries for a while as they journeyed back a century and more to shop in old Philadelphia with Mrs. Alfred C. Prime. They lived with their forefathers for an all-too brief hour during which bathing was something of a novelty—days of the covered wagon, the post chaise, and the infancy of the Pennsylvania Railroad and the American Express.

Mrs. Prime's pictures were gleaned from her collections of old Philadelphia directories, of which she has numbers dating from 1796 to 1859. Both the pictures and the accompanying reading matter were not only most fascinating and interesting but, according to our standards at present, quite often highly amusing.

Colored Pictures of Nantucket.

Each year the Neighbors try to provide at least one program that is built around Nantucket itself. Such will be the program to be held in Bennett Hall (adjoining the Congregational Church) on Tuesday, August 12 at 8 p. m.

Colored pictures of Nantucket and Nantucket flowers will be shown by Robert Benchley, Jr. Several who have seen Mr. Benchley's pictures speak highly of them and pronounce them beautifully artistic. Mrs. Robert Benchley will comment on the pictures; she will be assisted by Miss Grace Wyatt, Director of the Natural Science Department of the Maria Mitchell Association, who will have something of interest to say about the flowers that will be shown. In addition to the Nantucket pictures, there will also be pictures of Bermuda.

Hamilton Cochran's talk entitled "West Indian Witchcraft" will undoubtedly draw a large number to Bennett Hall next Tuesday evening. The Neighbor Night meetings, held each Tuesday in one of the island's churches, are free to all. Mr. Cochran knows of what he speaks. He obtained his information while on the Virgin Islands and is a recognized authority on those islands. There will be special music.

As an added attraction, Michel Matisse, bass soloist, will sing for us.

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First Neighbors Night of Season Largely Attended.

It was impossible to seat the large crowd that turned out to see James Barker's Kodachrome color pictures of Nantucket, shown at the first Neighbors Night of the 1943 season, held last Tuesday evening at the Methodist Church.

Mr. Barker has made appreciable and worthwhile additions to his earlier collection of color pictures, in spite of the fact that, because of war restrictions, he is unable to work around the water front—the scene of much of his earlier work.

The Neighbors

"Nantucket of Other Days," selections from the priceless collection of stereopticon slides owned by Editor Harry B. Turner, will be shown by him at the Neighbors night to be held next Tuesday evening, in the Unitarian Church at 8 o'clock.

Included will be pictures of Nantucket of the Sixties and the Seventies, days of the Island's greatest depression—brought on by the decline of whaling, the discovery of gold in California, and the Civil War. Pictures of old buildings, unique characters, the old Nantucket Railroad—these and many other interesting and fascinating pictorial records of Nantucket's past.

Mr. Turner's comments and the anecdotes he relates as the pictures are shown add a great attraction to the program. He probably knows more Nantucket legends than any other person, and, being a Nantucketer and an editor, he has what might be termed "a double dose of the sense of humor."

Always extremely busy, not only with the multiplicity of duties connected with the Inquirer and Mirror, but with a hundred and one other things, it has not been easy for the Secretary of the Neighbors to get Mr. Turner to appear for the Neighbors. Only when reminded that there is in Nantucket, this year, an unprecedented interest, not only in Nantucket of today, but in Old Nantucket, did he agree to show his pictures and comment on them.

Every one is invited.

—J. R. B.

"Nantucket of Other Days" Presented to Neighbors.

The Nantucket Neighbors offer each Tuesday evening during the summer season, programs of great interest, and large audiences at these affairs almost always result; but Editor Harry B. Turner's Nantucket pictures and his comment, drew, last Tuesday evening, what is believed to be the largest crowd in the history of the Neighbors.

The first to arrive appeared more than an hour before the meeting was scheduled to open; the church seemed full shortly after 7.30, but for a while it was possible to tuck some more in. Soon, even the standing room was exhausted, and several hundred disappointed folks had to turn away because of the lack of room.

The newly inaugurated Thursday afternoon historical lectures at the Friends Meeting House proved a great attraction for the more thoughtfully inclined. The researches and recollections presented by Everett U. Crosby, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Dr. Wm. O. Stevens and Dr. Wm. E. Gardner aroused keen interest.

Civic League Headquarters Move to Petticoat Row.

The executive committee of the League met last week at the Pacific Club, its newly acquired headquarters not being in condition for occupancy.

Circumstances have compelled the League to seek another location at the last moment. Miss Cora Stevens has come to the aid of the League, which will occupy her building at 5 Center street, for the summer. This will also be the office of "The Neighbors."

"Old Nantucket Auction" Held on Thursday.

The "old-fashioned Nantucket Auction," arranged by the Civic League for the benefit of the Nantucket Neighbors, was held at the Sanford House grounds on Thursday. The affair was a financial success, with the various sales totalling in the vicinity of \$1,150.00.

Articles for the occasion were donated by interested friends of the Neighbors' organization. The bandstand at the grounds was crowded with a heterogeneous collection of china, glass-ware, books, pictures, chairs, framed pictures, straw baskets, wall ornaments, pottery, candle-sticks, old lamps, pillows, clocks; and so forth—all in a grand array.

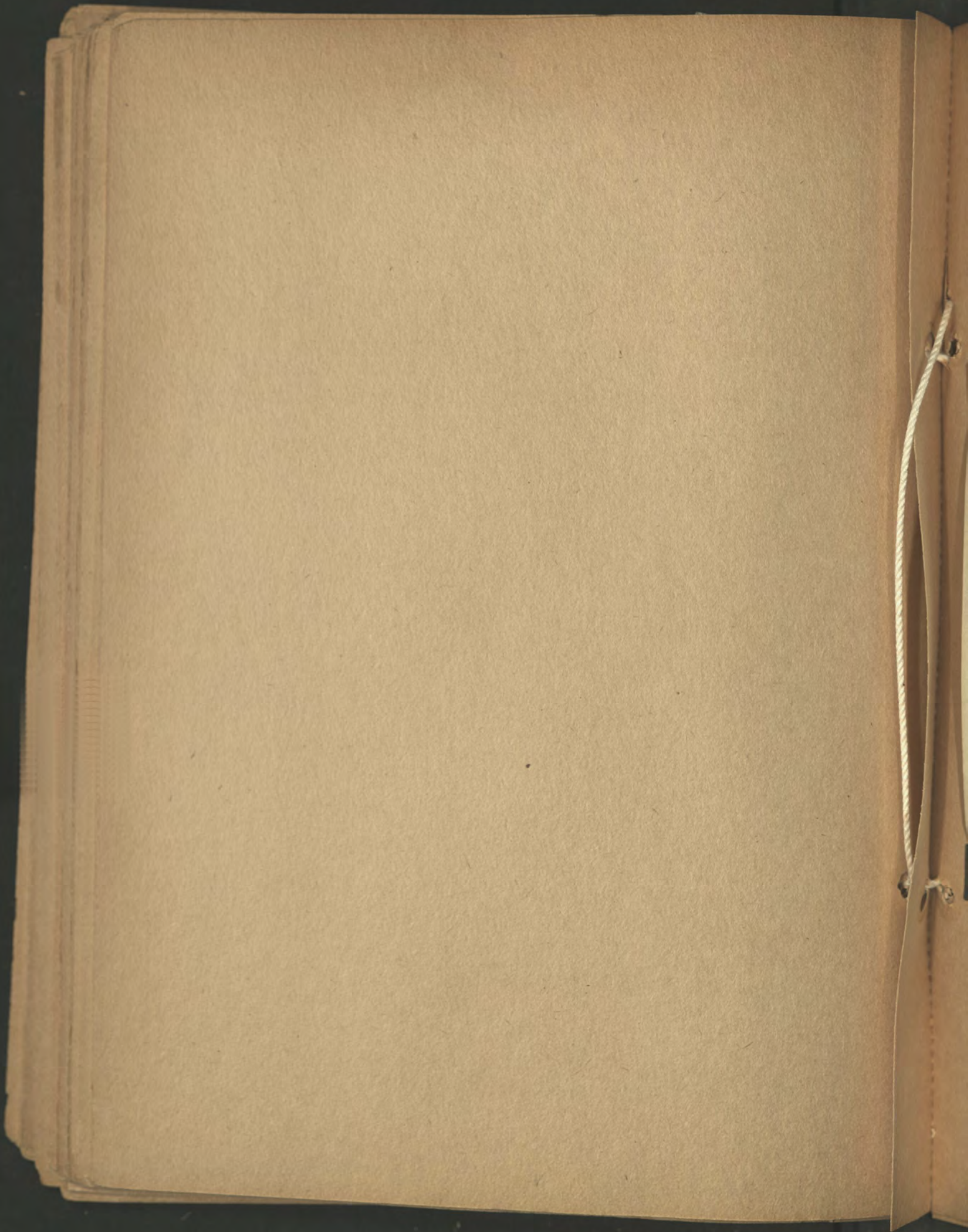
Auctioneer Henry Coleman was in rare form and provided the necessary spark for the job. Bidding was brisk at the outset—at one point members of the same family bid against each other—and some bargains were eagerly snapped up.

There was a large crowd in attendance, particularly in the afternoon, and when Auctioneer Coleman had to stop through sheer fatigue, Messrs. Cochran, Peters and the inimitable "Joe" Burgess became temporary auctioneers.

At times much of the flavor of the old-style island auctions was in evidence with the sight of some old object which used to grace Andrew Myrick's or George E. Moores' Main street marts. Everyone enjoyed the experience, and the net result was of course most gratifying for the thoroughly deserving Nantucket Neighbors.

The story of glass, from the days of the Pharoahs to the present, was presented by Albert E. Marshall before a large and appreciative audience, at the Neighbors Night held in the Methodist Church on Tuesday.

Mr. Marshall, president of the Rumford Chemical Works and well-known summer resident in Nantucket for many years, was consultant for the Corning Glass Works for seventeen years. His great knowledge in glass goes beyond that of a technical expert in this field for he has had a spare time interest in the early history of glass for more than thirty years.



THE NANTUCKET
ATHENEUM
LIBRARY

Nantucket Atheneum.

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This Certifies that

Grace Brown Gardner.

is entitled to one share in the Nantucket Atheneum, transferable only on the books of that corporation.

Alfred E. Smith

President.

Peter M. Hussey.

Secretary.

Nantucket, Mass., *January 18. 1943.*

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum will be held at the Library at 7:30 p. m., on Thursday, January 13, 1944.

Peter M. Hussey, Sec'y.

Harps Again Chosen President of Nantucket Atheneum.

At the annual meeting of the Proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum, Harry M. Harps was re-elected president, Alvin E. Paddock vice president, Peter M. Hussey secretary, William C. Brock treasurer.

Miss Clara Parker was re-appointed librarian of the Atheneum Library, a position she has ably filled for nearly four decades. Mrs. Isabel (Coffin) Gibbs is to continue as assistant librarian and Jay H. Gibbs as janitor.

Miss Parker presented the following report for the past year.

The library has again had a busy year. More non-resident cards have been issued than usual. Many of these were given to people who were visiting the island for the first time and almost always the first books that they borrowed were those dealing with different aspects of the history of the island. The copy of the National Geographic Magazine showing pictures of Nantucket was in constant demand.

Through the kind suggestion of George H. Reynolds, of New Bedford, the library has received a copy of the extremely interesting and valuable "Ashley Book of Knots", written by Clifford W. Ashley of New Bedford, as a gift from the Mariner's Museum of Newport News, Virginia.

In this year, as in every preceding one, the library has received many donations of books. These vary in style, subject and value, but all are a help to our collection. Quite a number of books have been purchased for the children. Some of them give an account of work required in carrying on different kinds of business, a few of the subjects being home economics, dress designing, storekeeping, library work, etc.

These are very entertaining stories and are often referred to as "Career books". They give the young people a chance to decide which kind of work appeals to them the most. The very small children just learning to read have also been provided with easy readers.

Miss Grace Brown Gardner, while teaching Nantucket history to High School pupils, arranged a very comprehensive outline of study of that subject and has presented a copy to the library. This will be of great value in reference work.

Miss Edwina Babcock has presented a picture painted by the late Miss Annie Barker Folger.

Theodore Bunker, a member of the Bunker family of Nantucket, now residing in Paterson, N. J., visits the island each summer and being interested in some of our old houses has traced the history of some and then has typed copies of whatever records he has found giving the names of the different owners and any dates obtainable.

A copy of each of these records has been given to the Atheneum and it is hoped that he will continue this work as there are many calls for information about different houses when they become the property of new owners.

The library has also been presented with a copy of the book "Eastman Johnson at Nantucket," by Everett U. Crosby. This is very interesting and is particularly so, as both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson used to borrow books from the library during their stay on the island, and the portrait of Frederick C. Sanford which hangs on the wall in the Reading Room is one of Mr. Johnson's portraits. This has belonged to the Atheneum for many years.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Parker, Librarian.

January 11, 1945.

Nuisance Should Be Abated.

Editor of The Inquirer and Mirror:

It does seem incredible to the average citizen and taxpayer that conditions, as they exist at the Atheneum, should be tolerated for ten minutes, let alone almost continuously.

The rowdyism, bad manners and general disturbance within, not to mention the "free-for-alls" that occur at the entrance, are such that some of us refrain from using the place at all.

It is beyond the ability of any Librarian to handle the present state of affairs. In some other places a policeman would step in and remove the offenders, but here, the police?

It would therefore seem to me that the Proprietors, or Trustees, or whatever the governing body is called, should see to it that all of this nuisance is abated.

It would also seem to me an obligation on the governing body to do so if they ask the Town to appropriate money to keep a worth-while institution going, but it is only a worth-while institution if it is run in a reasonably decent manner.

Frederick P. Hill.

"Easy Street Art Gallery" Will Be Open.

The future of the Easy street Gallery has been a topic of earnest discussion since the death of Mrs. Henry Lang, who for years maintained this valued institution for the benefit of artists, through an annual exhibit of their works each summer.

A number of persons interested in Nantucket as an art center have been hoping that some arrangement to continue this important work might be arrived at. It is now learned that the Gallery will be open during the present season.

It will be conducted by a special committee of the Civic League and its activities broadened to include those of "The Neighbors."

Joseph R. Burgess, director of "The Neighbors" will arrive June 30th to open this headquarters at the Easy street Gallery.

It is understood that the ultimate disposition of the Gallery will await the results of the summer's work and the interest evoked by the friends of the movement.

Officers Elected.

At the annual meeting of the proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum, held Thursday evening, the following officers were re-elected:

President—Harry M. Harps.

Secretary—Peter M. Hussey.

Treasurer—Benson C. Chase.

Corresponding Sec'y—Mrs. Walton H. Adams.

Alvin E. Paddock resigned from the position of Vice-President, which he had held a number of years. Rev. William E. Gardner was elected to succeed him.

In recognition of his long service to the Atheneum, as President and Vice-President, a vote was passed making Mr. Paddock the President Emeritus.

Mr. Paddock presided at the meeting in the absence of the President.

Miss Grace B. Gardner acted as Recording Secretary in the absence of Mr. Hussey.

The report of the librarian, Miss Clara Parker, was read and accepted, to be published in full in our next issue.

William E. Gardner and Harry B. Turner were elected to the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees is now comprised of Harry M. Harps, Peter M. Hussey, Benson C. Chase, Mrs. Walton Adams, Miss Grace B. Gardner, Miss Clara Parker, William C. Brock, Walter Coffin and Messrs. Gardner and Turner.

Share-holders of The Atheneum Hold Annual Meeting.

At the annual meeting of the Proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum, the following officers were elected:

President—Harry M. Harps.

Vice-President—William E. Gardner.

Treasurer—Benson C. Chase.

Recording Secretary—Grace B. Gardner.

Corresponding Secretary—Nancy S. Adams.

Trustees—William C. Brock, Walter Coffin, Clara Parker, Harry B. Turner.

Miss Clara Parker, librarian, made the following report for the year 1946:

Total number of books circulated during the year—26,918.

Average number of books circulated per month—2,493.

Average number of books circulated per week—518.

Number of volumes loaned to residents—16,781.

Number of volumes loaned to non-residents—10,137.

Number of membership cards issued—1,704.

Number of membership cards issued to residents—84.

Number of membership cards issued to non-residents—1,620.

Number of volumes added to library—1,575.

Number of volumes donated—1,265.

Number of volumes rebound—177.

Number of volumes discarded—56.

Total number of volumes in library—45,904.

Number of magazines and newspapers used in the library—62.

Number of magazines donated—20.

Number of cards typed for the catalogue—2,191.

One of the greatest needs of the Library at present is for more space on the shelves. It is extremely necessary that it be procured by some means or other. The books when catalogued are properly classified but cannot be placed in the sections in which they belong as those are so crowded, making it sometimes very difficult to find the needed books, as it has been necessary to put them somewhere else away from the main subject. If the Library is fortunate enough to have as many books given in 1947 as in the past year it will be necessary to place them on the floor.

Thanks are due to some person or persons who have been making anonymous gifts to the Library. The first gift was five dollars enclosed in an envelope with no name attached. Afterwards books have arrived through the mail marked as gifts instead of having the sender's name on the wrapping.

It is always pleasant to receive gifts of books from the authors themselves. This year Mr. E. U. Crosby has given a copy of his new book, "Nantucket in Print". This is a fine addition to our collection of books dealing with the Island's history. We also have received from James Reid Parker his new book entitled "The Pleasure Was Mine". This is very popular with the readers.

Professor James Geddes, Jr., who died a short time ago, asked that his library be given to the Atheneum. The books have been received and are being catalogued. They deal with many subjects such as history, description of cities in England, Scotland and Italy, and also a number of books on the subject of gardening.

Harry B. Turner started the year with a donation of two hundred and twenty-one books. Other gifts of large numbers were from Mrs. Rupert Folger, Mrs. Ethel Hardy, Mrs. Grafton Kennedy, Mrs. Samuel H. Kelley, Miss Jean Gundry, Mrs. Edward F. Sanderson, Mrs. Alfred E. Smith and Mrs. Elizabeth Morse.

These are only a few of the names of those giving books. There are so many others whose gifts were of smaller numbers but of especially good value that it would be too long a list to give here. Miss Jean Gundry's consisted of a great many fine books for children.

At one of the Trustee's meetings it was voted to purchase a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. While it was ordered in the early summer, it has just been received. The demand for it at the publishing house was so great that the name of the Atheneum had to be put on a waiting list. It has a great many illustrations in black and white as well as in colors. It ought to be very useful, as the information is right up to date.

Respectfully submitted,

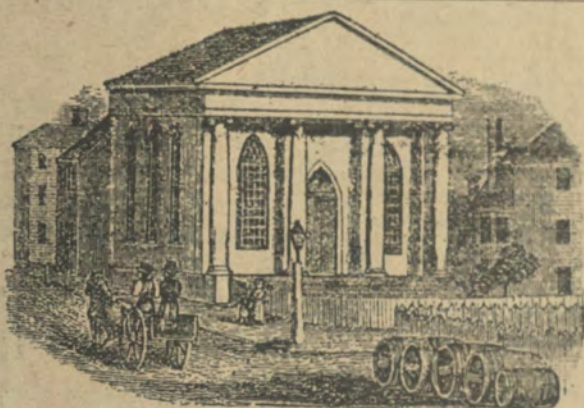
Clara Parker, Librarian.

Nantucket Atheneum.

January 9, 1947.

THE CENTENNIAL OF THE ATHENEUM LIBRARY BUILDING.

BY GRACE BROWN GARDNER.



THE FIRST ATHENEUM (before the Fire of 1846)

In a letter written by Maria Mitchell nearly one hundred years ago, which is now the property of David Wood of this town, she refers to a "melancholy meeting over the yet red hot ashes of the former Atheneum" with a botanist who was contributing to the collections of the Museum.

Less than seven months later, from those "red hot ashes" of the Great Fire of 1846, had risen the present Atheneum building, which was opened to the public on the first day of February, 1847. With fire damage of a million dollars, one-third of the town in ruins, hundreds of families homeless, and seven-eighths of the mechanics without shops, stock or tools, that was a noteworthy achievement of our forefathers of which their descendants may well be proud.

Early History.

A very interesting history of the Nantucket Atheneum was published in the *Inquirer and Mirror* of April 14, 1900, on the occasion of the opening of the Atheneum as a Free Library for the town of Nantucket. This history was written by Miss Sarah F. Barnard, who was the Librarian at that time, and it is widely quoted in the present article.

While all records of the Atheneum previous to 1847 were destroyed in the Great Fire, from other sources we learn the story of its origin, which is as follows:

In 1820 seven young men of Nantucket—David Joy, Peleg Mitchell,

Daniel P. Macy, John H. Coffin, Gideon Swain, Edward C. Hussey and George Fitch—associated themselves under the name of "Nantucket Mechanics' Social Library Association". They had only twenty-six volumes when they started the library. In 1823 another society was formed and named the "Columbian Library Society". In 1827 the two societies united, and the new society was called the "United Library Association".

In 1833 two of its members, David Joy and Charles G. Coffin, bought the land on Main street where the house of the late Henry Coffin now stands for \$1800 and gave it to the society on condition that the society would raise \$3500 and build a brick building suitable for a library room, lecture room and museum.

The sum of \$4200 was raised, each subscriber of \$10 having an equal right with other donors. The lot of land proved to be too small, and an exchange was made with the proprietors of the Universalist Church on the corner of Federal and Pearl streets. That building was altered to answer the requirements, and in 1834 the society was incorporated as the Nantucket Atheneum.

As may be seen from the above, there were at first three distinct departments in the Atheneum: the Library proper, the Museum and the Lecture Room.

The Museum was described as follows on an old sign which hung on the outside of the building some fifty years ago:

Atheneum Museum.

The Atheneum Museum is now open to visitors in charge of Mr. H. P. Clapp who will be ready to explain its wonders to strangers, and answer all questions concerning the many curiosities on exhibition.

The Great Sperm Whale's Jaw, seventeen feet long, in perfect condition, with all the teeth in place, is among the attractive features of the Museum. Also, a model of the famous "Camels" with a ship in their embrace, an interesting reminder of the palmy days of the Nantucket Whale-Fishery; and hundreds of strange things and objects of curious interest, forming a complete Cabinet of wonders, both of sea and land, collected from nearly every part of the globe.

Admission 15 cents.

Hours of Exhibition 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., 6:30 p. m. to 8 p. m.

H. P. Clapp, 43 Centre St., Nantucket, Mass.

In 1925 this Museum was discontinued, as more space was needed for the Library. Most of the exhibits were loaned or donated to the Nantucket Historical Association, where they are seen each year by thousands of visitors.

The Lecture Course flourished for many years. At the modest price of one dollar per ticket for the entire winter course of lectures, the Nantucketers of the forties and fifties had the opportunity of hearing such prominent men as Prof. Silliman, John Pierpont, Theodore Parker, Thomas Starr King, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Wendell Phillips, John G. Saxe, Henry D. Thoreau, Horace Greeley and many others.

The Lecture Hall was also used for entertainments, suppers, fairs and other social gatherings, and was a source of revenue to the Atheneum. As years went on, however, and building and fire laws became more stringent, extensive alterations would have been necessary to comply with the regulations, and the hall was closed to public gatherings. At present it is used exclusively for the storage of books, and contains large numbers of the less frequently circulated volumes.

Shareholders and Proprietors.

When the two original library societies combined in 1827 each sub-

scriber of ten dollars had an equal right with all other donors. After the Great Fire fifty additional shares were created at a price of "not less than five dollars a share". In the By-Laws published in 1895 the number of shareholders was limited to 275. There was a small annual assessment on each share to provide for the upkeep of the Library. Only shareholders, and annual subscribers admitted under such conditions as the Trustees might direct, had the privilege of taking books from the Library.

After the Atheneum became a Public Library, there were no further assessments, nor were there any further privileges in regard to the circulation of books granted to the shareholders, and many shares became inactive. Owing to the neglect of heirs of deceased persons to give proper notice of transfers of shares, or even to make such transfers, the records have become incomplete.

In the near future there will appear in the columns of the Inquirer and Mirror a list of shareholders as of 1915. Any of those shares not already transferred may be transferred on the books of the society, the old certificate first being given up or shown to be lost. A new certificate will then be issued by the Secretary, under the seal of the corporation.

On the west wall of the Library hangs the first certificate issued by the Atheneum when it was incorporated in 1834. It was issued by David

Joy to his brother, Moses Joy, Jr., and was presented to the Library by another David Joy, the third in line by that name, in 1928.

Recovery From The Great Fire.

The earliest records now existing begin with a meeting held in the Vestry of the Methodist "Chapel" on Monday, 8th month 1846. The President, William Mitchell, stated that the object of the meeting was to see "what course shall be taken by the Proprietors with reference to the Institution for the future, the Atheneum Building with its entire contents including the Library and Cabinet of Curiosities having been destroyed by the terrible conflagration which occurred on the 13th and 14th ultimo."

This, and the records following, are painstakingly written in the Spencerian penmanship of that period, which resembles copperplate. They are very explicit. Various committees were formed to solicit contributions of money, of books, and of articles for the Museum. Other committees were to attend to various phases of the contemplated building program. Later page after page of the records lists

the sums of money contributed, and the separate volumes and the sets of volumes donated by individuals, by publishers, by libraries, by organizations and by scientific societies. There is no question but that the response to the appeals was both prompt and generous.

The report of the Building Committee, Jan. 4, 1847, includes the builders' specifications for the rebuilding, with dimensions of lumber used, as "King posts 7 by 12 inches" and "Queen posts 8 by 8 inches", and the whole frame being of "pine and heavy timber and of sufficient strength in the opinion of your committee to make a strong and safe building". The test of one hundred years has proved the correctness of their opinion.

Agitation for a Free Public Library.

As the years passed, instead of feeling pride in its excellent Atheneum Library, Nantucket began to be sensitive in regard to being one of the few towns in the Commonwealth with no Free Public Library. There was much agitation in regard to making the Atheneum free. The matter was brought before the Proprietors in 1892. Of forty-five shares represented only two were in favor. Debate waxed strong and bitter feeling developed.

A letter from Allen Coffin, Esq., published in the Inquirer and Mirror in 1895 quotes an appeal from the chairman of the Free Public Library Commission urging the establishment of such a Library. At that time, of 353 towns in the Commonwealth only 25 were without Free Public Libraries. Of these 25 towns Nantucket was far in the lead both in population and in wealth.

Public demand grew slowly but steadily. Not until 1900 was the controversy settled. Then, after repeated meetings and many conferences with the Selectmen, by the assistance of an appropriation of \$900 made by the Town of Nantucket, the Nantucket Atheneum Library was made a Free but not a Public Library, and opened as such in April of that year.



THE NANTUCKET ATHENEUM LIBRARY

Gifts and Bequests.

The Atheneum has been most fortunate in the wide-spread interest shown in its welfare, as testified by numerous gifts, donations and bequests. Among these there is space for mentioning only a few which are among the most outstanding.

To replace the original folio edition of Audubon's "Birds of America", to which the Atheneum had been a subscriber and which was destroyed in the Great Fire, Mrs. David Joy presented the Library with a set in the octavo edition. The books are handsomely bound in Russia leather and protected in a suitable cabinet, which was also the gift of Mrs. Joy.

Frederick C. Sanford not only bequeathed \$20,000 to the society's endowment fund, but gave a thousand books from his personal Library. Many of these books are rare editions with expensive bindings, and together with his donation of over fifty valuable pictures and his collection of old documents are among the treasures of the Atheneum.

The will of William H. Swift provided a substantial sum, of which the interest is used for the purchase of new books. Probably many users of the Library have noticed the stamp "Purchased from the William H. Swift Fund" on the title pages of books.

Approximately 2600 volumes consisting mainly of biography, history, books on the Navy and on diplomatic relations with various foreign countries came from the Library of Rear Admiral William Mayhew Folger. The Atheneum shares with the Whaling Museum, which received many pictures, documents and mementoes, in the generous Nantucket legacies of Admiral Folger.

Among other donations by Edward F. Sanderson is "Hakluyt's Voyages" in over two hundred volumes. These are records of the discoveries of the earliest explorers in all parts of the world. Few Libraries in the country possess a complete set of this extremely valuable work.

The Atheneum was one of the several Nantucket institutions to share in large legacies from the estate of Sidney Mitchell.

Each autumn as our summer visitors leave us, many make gifts to the Library of books which they have enjoyed during their vacation here. These books are recent fiction, biography, travel and other volumes of timely interest, and are much appreciated.

Merely to enumerate the gifts, donations and bequests that the Atheneum has received during the last hundred years would require a separate article.

Present Status.

From its earliest days the Library has had a steady and healthy growth. At the time of the Great Fire it contained 3,000 volumes; in 1883 there were 7,000; by 1900, when it was made a Free Library, the number had increased to 20,000. The report of last year lists 45,904 volumes. There has been a corresponding increase in the number of borrowers and in books circulated.

The Library Building, however, has remained practically unchanged all through the one hundred years since its erection. More and more space has been utilized for shelves, until in her 1946 report the Librarian reports every nook and cranny crowded, with no space remaining for future accessions.

At present the greatest need of the library, aside from shelf space, is a separate room for children and young people, with a special Librarian to aid them with reference work connected with their school home work, and also to foster in them the love of good reading so that it may become a source of pleasure throughout their lives. The crowding together of children and adults in inadequate space, as at present, occasions many problems which a separate room would obviate.

Another need is for a quiet room where adults may work on genealogical, historical or other problems which sometimes require many documents, pamphlets and volumes of reference. At present a card table in some corner offers the only opportunity for such work. Every year the number of such workers increases.

Nantucket has good reason for pride on the occasion of the One Hundredth Anniversary of our Atheneum Building, and for gratitude toward all who have aided in making the Library the outstanding institution that it is at present. And among all to whom gratitude is due, none are more worthy of it than its three Librarians whose terms of service span one hundred and twelve years—Miss Maria Mitchell, Miss Sarah F. Barnard and Miss Clara Parker.

—Grace Brown Gardner,
Sec'y, Nantucket Atheneum.

Apr. 12, 1917

Annual Meeting of Proprietors of Nantucket Atheneum.

At the annual meeting of the proprietors of the Nantucket Atheneum the following were present: Harry M. Harps, Rev. William E. Gardner, William C. Brock, Benson C. Chase, Mrs. Nancy S. Adams, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Mrs. Whittemore Gardner, Miss Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Mrs. Samuel Kelly, Mrs. Laura Pease, Mr. and Mrs. Alcon Chadwick, Peter M. Hussey, Harry B. Turner, Walter D. Glidden, Jr., Prof. George Wood.

The following officers were elected:
President—Harry M. Harps.

Vice-president—William E. Gardner.

Corresponding Secretary—Nancy S. Adams.

Recording Secretary—Grace Brown Gardner.

Treasurer—Benson C. Chase.

Trustees—William C. Brock, Walter Coffin, Clara Parker, Harry B. Turner, Prof. George Wood.

Miss Parker, the librarian, presented the following report:

Total number of books	
circulated during the year..	23,004
Average number of books	
circulated during one month..	1,917
Average number of books	
circulated during one week..	442
Number of volumes loaned	
to residents	14,013
Number of volumes loaned	
to non-residents	8,991
Number of membership cards	
issued	1,494
Number of membership cards	
issued to residents	79
Number of membership cards	
issued to non-residents	1,418
Number of volumes added	
to the library	523
Number of volumes donated ..	295
Number of volumes rebound ..	244
Number of volumes discarded ..	56
Total number of volumes	
in library	46,371
Number of magazines and	
newspapers used in library ..	78
Number of magazines and	
newspapers donated	37
Number of cards typed for	
the catalogue	1,106
Number of pamphlets donated ..	132

The closing year marks the one hundred and thirteenth anniversary of the founding of the library in 1834. It also marks the hundredth anniversary of the erection of the present building. Special articles concerning the anniversary and the history have been published in the local newspapers.

This has been the year chosen to repaint the interior of the main room. On this account the library was closed to the public for about one month. Before closing for the work all card holders, wishing to avail themselves of the privilege, were allowed to borrow extra books to be kept until the library was open again for business.

As usual, the gifts to the library have been many and varied in their forms. An unusually interesting one has been a presentation of quite a large collection of autographs of famous people of the United States, England and France, given by Alexander N. Smith, of Springfield, Mass. There is one of ex-President Herbert Hoover, one of Charles G. Dawes, former Vice-President of the United States, Lord Cecil, former Chancellor of the Exchequer and President of the League of Nations in the First World War, Princess Cantacuzene, who is a grand-daughter of President Ulysses S. Grant, Admiral Sims, Sir

Harry Lauder, Lady Astor and Philip Gibbs, and many others are included in the collection. Among the reference books recently added to the library is a set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia. The gifts of books this year have been very good indeed. A large number of children's books have been given by Miss Jeannie Gundry. For many years she has donated books of this kind. They are well chosen and the readers and librarians are very glad to have them.

A new book about hooked rugs, with many illustrations, has been added. This should prove helpful to the class making or designing rugs through the winter months. The last two years having been so busy many of the popular books have had pretty hard wear and the coming year will require a large amount of rebinding. Several volumes of the older newspapers are already at the bindery being done over. When finished, they will be very serviceable for many years. This work is very essential as the newspapers contain practically all of the history of the island.

During the Second World War the newspaper binding had to be discontinued as the special binder who recovers the volumes went to war. Word has since been received that he is back home and the work can now be done.

Respectfully submitted,

Clara Parker, Librarian.

January 8, 1948.

UNION BENEVOLENT

Union Benevolent Society.

The annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society was held at the home of Miss Lydia Freeborn Tuesday evening, May 5, 1942. The following officers were elected: President, Miss Lydia Freeborn; Vice-president, Mrs. Ethel Hardy; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Chadwick; Treasurer, Miss Edith Sylvia; Manager No. 1, Mrs. Carrie Coleman; Manager No. 2, Mrs. Marion Sevens; Manager No. 3, Mrs. Emma Barrett.

The Society has held ten regular meetings and has aided fourteen families the past year with the following articles: 48 pr. of shoes, 66 pr. of socks, 23 pr. of sneakers, 5 pr. of rubbers, 1 skirt, 1 suit of clothes, 1 pr. of overshoes. Five Thanksgiving baskets were sent and were much appreciated.

Mary Chadwick, Secretary.

Balance May 6, 1941	\$6,467.71
Interest	172.93
	\$3,640.64
Mdse.	\$184.48
Salaries	45.00
Bond	18.50
Stationery	8.40
	256.78
	\$6,384.26

Edith R. Sylvia, Treas.

Union Benevolent Society.

The annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society was held at the home of Mrs. Rhoda W. Gardner, Tuesday evening, May 23, 1944.

The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. Marion Sevens
Vice-President—Mrs. Ethel Hardy
Secretary—Mrs. Mary F. Chadwick
Treasurer—Miss Edith R. Sylvia
Manager No. 1—Mrs. Carrie Coleman; Manager No. 2—Mrs. Emma Barrett.

The Society has aided 7 families with the following: 8 pairs shoes, 3 pairs tennis shoes, 4 pairs socks, 4 suits of underwear, 1 sweater, 2 pairs stockings, 2 pair pants.

Union Benevolent Society.

The annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society was held at the home of Mrs. Marion Sevens, Tuesday evening, May 4, 1943, with twelve members present:

The following officers were elected:

President—Miss Lydia S. Freeborn.
Vice President—Mrs. Ethel Hardy.
Secretary—Mrs. Mary F. Chadwick.
Treasurer—Miss Edith R. Sylvia.
Manager of No. 1—Mrs. Marion Sevens; No. 2, Mrs. Emma Barrett; No. 3, Mrs. Carrie Coleman.

The Society has aided nine families the past year with the following: 21 pairs of shoes, 16 pairs tennis shoes, 1 dress, 2 pairs overshoes, 2 pairs rubbers, 11 pairs socks, 1 ski-suit, 1 Thanksgiving basket.

Union Benevolent.

The 79th annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society was held at the home of Mrs. Lizzie Folger, Tuesday evening, May 29, 1945, 10 members present. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Marion Sevens; Vice President, Mrs. Ethel Hardy; Secretary, Mrs. Mary F. Chadwick; Treasurer, Miss Edith R. Sylvia; Manager No. 1, Mrs. Ethel Hardy; No. 2, Mrs. Alma Backus; No. 3, Mrs. Elizabeth Chase.

The society has aided 7 children during the year with the following: 9 pair shoes, 5 pair overalls, 4 pair rubbers, 1 jacket, 1 suit, 1 pair loafers, 1 pair overshoes.

A birthday basket and a bouquet was sent to one of our members. A Christmas basket to a lady.

Mary F. Chadwick, Sec'y.

Union Benevolent Society.

The annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society was held at the home of Mrs. Carrie Coleman on Tuesday evening, May 28th.

The following officers were elected for 1946 and 1947: President, Mrs. Ethel Hardy; Vice-president, Mrs. Etta Francis; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Anderson; Treasurer, Miss Edith Sylvia; manager of No. 1, Mrs. Mary Chadwick; manager of No. 2, Mrs. Gladys Swain; manager of No. 3, Mrs. Marion Sevens.

During the year the Society has furnished for children 4 pairs of shoes, 14 pairs of hose, 7 shirts, 2 pairs of overalls, 3 briefs, 1 pair of pants, 2 pairs of rubbers. Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets and a bouquet were sent to some of the shut-ins.

Mary Chadwick, Secretary.

Union Benevolent Society.

The Union Benevolent Society was organized the 13th day of June, 1884, with the following charter members: Maria Allen, Eunice P. Swain, Mary W. Valentine, Lydia C. Cobb, Lydia F. Long, Harriett M. Gardner, Sarah W. Folger, Mary E. Smith, Hannah B. Long, Susan Hammond, Isabella M. Coffin, Marion Hammond, for the purpose of providing the poor children of Nantucket with suitable clothing to enable them to attend schools, particularly Sunday School.

In the years that have passed the members of the Society have tried faithfully to carry on that plan. They are always ready to give aid to those who need it.

The Board of Managers for the ensuing year are: Mrs. Marion Sevens, Mrs. Mary Chadwick, Mrs. Ellen Chace.

Union Benevolent Society.

At the 81st Annual Meeting of the Union Benevolent Society, which was held at the home of the President, Mrs. Ethel Hardy, Tuesday evening, May 27th, the following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Etta Francis; Vice-president, Mrs. Alma Backus; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Anderson; Treasurer, Miss Edith Sylvia. The board of managers chosen were: Mrs. Marion Sevens, Mrs. Mary Chadwick and Mrs. Ellen Chace.

The following is quoted from the 33rd Annual Report: "The financial condition of the Society is highly satisfactory, there being in the treasury the sum of \$1,800.00."

During the year the Society has carried on the work for which it was founded; giving to the children who were in need of shoes or clothing, to enable them to attend school, especially Sabbath School.

We are glad to report that very few calls have been received for help which shows the general well-being of our people. We are holding our money in trust for use in times of need.

Respectfully submitted,
Hattie P. Anderson Sec'y.

Union Benevolent Society.

At the 82d Annual Meeting of the Union Benevolent Society the following officers were elected:

President, Mrs. Etta Francis.

Vice-president, Mrs. Alma Backus.

Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Anderson.

Treasurer, Miss Edith Sylvia.

The board of managers chosen were Mrs. Mary Chadwick, Mrs. Ellen Chace, Mrs. Gladys Swain.

The financial condition of the Society is highly satisfactory.

All calls for help have been promptly answered and several families were cheered at Thanksgiving by baskets of fruit, candy, etc.

Gifts were sent to the March of Dimes and the Red Cross.

Mrs. Hattie P. Anderson, Sec'y.

May 29, 1948

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1947

BENEVOLENT SOCIETY HOLDS PARTY

Twelve members of the Union Benevolent Society met at Squantum Farm in Polpis for a box-lunch Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Carrie Coleman was hostess to the group.

Those attending were: Mrs. Alma Backus, vice-president; Mrs. Hattie Anderson, secretary; Miss Edith Sylvia, treasurer; Mrs. Melvin Hardy, Mrs. Alonzo Chase, Mrs. George Smith, Mrs. Ellen D. Chace, Mrs. Marion Sevens, Mrs. Arthur Newcombe, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Mrs. William Worth, Mrs. Emerson Chadwick and Mrs. Coleman. Mrs. Etta Francis, president, was unable to attend because of illness.

1948

Annual Report of the Union Benevolent Society.

Following is the eighty-fifth annual report of the Union Benevolent Society, Inc., of Nantucket, for the year 1950-51:

The members met at the home of Mrs. Alonzo Chase, 43 Centre street, on May 1st, to elect officers for the ensuing year and to render an account of the activities of the Society during the past year.

This Society was incorporated in 1882, its purpose being to provide needy children of school age with clothing suitable for attendance at school and especially Sunday School. During the past year, thirteen children from six families have been given the following: 15 pairs shoes, 6 pairs socks, 1 pair gloves, 1 pair slacks, 1 pair rubbers, 1 pair boots, 1 jacket, 1 sweater, 2 skirts, 5 pairs pants, and 2 pairs dungarees.

At Thanksgiving time 7 baskets of fruit, etc., were sent to shut-ins. \$10 was given to the March of Dimes.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Ellen D. Chace; vice-president, Miss Grace Brown Gardner; Secretary, Mrs. Florence Vincent; treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Smith; 1st manager, Mrs. Charlotte King; 2nd manager, Mrs. Mary Chadwick; 3rd manager, Mrs. Gladys Swain.

Hattie P. Anderson,
Retiring Secretary.

1951

Union Benevolent Society.

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On the Charter are names of residents long since passed away but in whose memory we still carry on. The familiar names of Swain, Gardner, Folger, Coffin and Hammond are among them.

Today a band of earnest workers are trying to carry on the work started years ago—that of buying shoes and clothing for children who need temporary help. In spite of double the price of such commodities and the low rate of interest on investments, not a case has been turned down the past year.

The last meeting of the season was held Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Gladys Swain, preceded by a delicious dinner at the Wood Box. All are looking forward to getting together again in September.

Ellen D. Chace, President.

1952

Union Benevolent Society, Inc. Holds Annual Meeting.

Preceded by a covered dish supper, the Annual Meeting of the Union Benevolent Society, Inc., of Nantucket was held at the home of Mrs. Alma Backus, Madaket Road, Tuesday evening, April 29, 1952.

The following slate of officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Ellen Chace.

Vice-president, Miss Grace Brown Gardner.

Secretary, Mrs. Florence Vincent.
Treasurer, Mrs. Ruth Smith.

1st Manager, Mrs. Charlotte King.

2nd Manager, Mrs. Mary Chadwick.

3rd Manager, Mrs. Gladys Swain.

This Society was incorporated to provide clothing to children suitable for school and Sunday School and this past year has given two pair of pants, seven pairs of shoes, two pairs of boots and four pairs of sox.

\$10.00 was given to the March of Dimes and \$5.00 to the Red Cross. Ten Thanksgiving baskets and two Christmas baskets were delivered to shut-ins.

Mrs. Norman Giffin was welcomed in as a new member.

Food sales and penny sales have been given by members to increase the treasury and many kind hearts in Nantucket have helped this benevolence for which the Society is very grateful.

May 3, 1952

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Union Benevolent Holds 87th Meeting

Officers were elected and reports heard at the 87th annual meeting of the Union Benevolent Society held at the home of Mrs. Joseph King Tuesday night.

Officers elected were: Mrs. Norman P. Giffin, president; Mrs. Alma Backus, vice-president; Mrs. Arthur F. Vincent, secretary; Mrs. Ellen D. Chace, treasurer; and Mrs. Mary Chadwick, Mrs. King and Mrs. Gladys Swain managers.

Aid in the form of clothing to children, Thanksgiving baskets to shut-ins and \$10 to the March of Dimes were given by the Society during the past year. A food sale, under the chairmanship of Mrs. Annie Newcomb netted \$40 and was deposited in the Society's reserve fund. New members include Mrs. Byron Mooney, Mrs. William Waine and Miss Marjorie Barrett. Miss Edith Sylvia and Mrs. Marion Sevrens were made honorary members.

Meetings were held at the homes of the following members: Mrs. George Smith, Miss Grace Brown Gardner, Mrs. Swain, Mrs. King, Mrs. Vincent, Mrs. Chace and Mrs. Giffin. Members heard a talk by Miss Jay Turtle on her experiences at Pearl Harbor at the Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. King. A covered-dish supper was held in March with Mrs. Chace and Mrs. Backus, co-hostesses.

May 1, 1953

Oldest Island Group Takes New Members

Special to The Standard-Times

NANTUCKET, Oct. 30—Union Benevolent Society of Nantucket, the oldest charitable organization on the island, met at the home of Grace Brown Gardner, 33 Milk Street, with the president, Ellen D. Chace, presiding. Details of work of this group, involving gifts of shoes and clothing to the needy, are not published, but in spite of greatly increased costs the members carry on.

Two new members, Miss Margery Barrett and Mrs. Maud Mooney, were welcomed into the group. Plans were completed for the distribution of Thanksgiving baskets among the aged.

1952

May 31, 1953



